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Removal of Iowa judges may inspire similar efforts

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DES MOINES, Iowa — Emboldened by the success of a ballot initiative to oust Iowa judges who supported gay marriage, conservative activists are looking for new ways to use the power of the vote to strike back against the courts.

Judicial-removal campaigns have generally been difficult to sell to the public. But now some groups view them as a potential tool to influence the judiciary on gay rights, abortion and other divisive social issues.

Organizers of the Iowa campaign had several important advantages: a well-funded TV campaign, a grass-roots structure and an electorate that was receptive to their message.

"For those who impose what we perceive as an immoral agenda, we're going to take them out," said David Lane, executive director of AFA Action, the political arm of Mississippi-based American Family Association, which contributed about \$100,000 to the Iowa campaign. He said the group would do so again wherever judges "impose their will on free people."

Iowa was one of at least four states where groups sought to remove judges in Tuesday's election, but it was the only place where the effort succeeded.

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Al-Qaida group takes responsibility for mail bombs

A handout picture released by the Emirates News Agency shows the contents of a US-bound parcel displayed by police in the Gulf emirate of Dubai. One of two Al-Qaeda bombs intercepted last week part way between Yemen and the United States was disarmed just 17 minutes before it was programmed to detonate, a French minister said Thursday.

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Mount Merapi spews volcanic material as seen from Klaten, Indonesia, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010. Searing gas and molten lava poured from Indonesia's deadly volcano in an explosion three times as powerful as last week's devastating blast, chasing people from villages and emergency shelters along its slopes.

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Associated Press

MOUNT MERAPI, Indonesia (AP) — A surge of searing gas raced down the sides of Mount Merapi on Friday, smothering entire villages as it killed or seriously burned those caught in its path. The death toll after the volcano's largest eruption in a century soared to 122. The worst hit village of Bronggang lay nine miles from the fiery crater, just on the perimeter of the government-

delineated "danger zone." Crumpled roofs, charred carcasses of cattle and broken chairs — all layered in white ash and soot — dotted the smoldering landscape.

The zone has since been expanded to a ring 12 miles from the peak, bringing it to the edge of the ancient royal capital of Yogyakarta, which has been put on its highest alert.

Sri Sucirathasri said her family had stayed in their Bronggang home Thursday night

because they hadn't been told to leave. They awoke in the dark as the mountain let out thunderous claps and tried desperately to outrun the flows, which reached speeds of 60 mph, on a motorbike. Her mother, father and 12-year-old sister, Prisca, left first, but with gray ash blocking out any light, they mistakenly drove into — rather than away from — the volcano's dangerous discharge.

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Al-Qaida group takes responsibility for mail bombs



Armed Yemeni police stand guard by closed UPS office Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, in San'a, Yemen. One of two mail bombs sent from Yemen last week was disarmed just 17 minutes before it was set to go off, the French interior minister said Thursday.

(AP Photo/Hasan Jamali)

By LOLITA C. BALDOR,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Yemen-based al-Qaida group is claiming responsibility for the international mail bomb plot uncovered late last week as well as the crash of a United Parcel Service cargo plane in September.

A week after authorities intercepted packages in Dubai and England that were bound

for the U.S., Al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula issued a message Friday saying it will continue to strike American and Western interests. They specifically said they would target civilian and cargo aircraft.

U.S. officials have said all week that there were strong indications the plot originated with AQAP, a terror group that has been gathering strength

and increasingly triggering attacks on Western targets.

Authorities have said the September UPS crash was caused by an onboard fire, but investigators are taking another look at the incident. U.S. intelligence experts will be examining the message from AQAP to try to verify its authenticity, said a U.S. intelligence official, adding that they are not surprised to see this claim now.

On Friday, a U.S. counterterrorism official separately said the Yemen group remains a serious threat. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss classified matters.

A security official in the UAE familiar with the investigations into the Sept. 3 crash of a UPS cargo plane in Dubai and the mail bombs plot told The Associated Press Friday that there is no change in earlier findings that the UPS crash in September was likely caused by an onboard fire and not by an explosive device. There was no explosion,

the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity under standing UAE rules on disclosing security-related information.

A UPS spokesman, Norman Black, said his company had "no independent knowledge of this claim by al-Qaida," and noted that both UAE officials and U.S. National Transportation Safety Board officials have so far ruled out the possibility of a bomb as cause in the crash.

According to an AP translation of the terror group's statement, AQAP said that its "advanced explosives give us the opportunity to detonate (planes) in the air or after they have reached their final target, and they are designed to bypass all detection devices." Both mail bombs were hidden inside computer printers and wired to detonators that used cell-phone technology and packed powdered PETN, a potent industrial explosive.

"We have struck three blows at your airplanes in a single year. And God willing, we will

continue to strike our blows against American interests and the interests of America's allies," the terror group said. The AQAP message also directed a warning to Saudi Arabia, which was instrumental in passing along the key tip that led to the discovery of the bombs: "These explosives were directed at Jewish Zionist temples, and you intervened to protect them with your treason. God's curse on the oppressors."

The claim was also translated by private SITE Intelligence Group. According to SITE, the message was posted on jihadist forums at 2:24 p.m. EDT.

"AQAP continues to probe for weaknesses in our ability to disrupt, detect or stop their operations," said Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich., who serves on the House intelligence terrorism subcommittee.

He expressed little surprise at the claim, saying: "They are agile and determined. So must we be." □

Lesbian who sued over prom talks about gay bullies

Glamour magazine's "Women of the Year 2010," told The Associated Press that she became a bullying victim after she challenged the Itawamba School District over a policy that prohibited her from bringing her girlfriend to the prom and wearing a tuxedo. McMillen, 18, said she became emotional after reading about the suicides of 13-year-old Seth Walsh, of California, who hanged himself outside his home after enduring taunts from classmates, and of Tyler Clementi, an 18-year-old Rutgers University freshman who killed himself after his sexual encounter was secretly streamed online.

"I read it on Facebook. I was so upset about this that I could not sleep," McMillen said. "I knew it had to be terrible for them to choose death as a way to escape what they were living in."

McMillen said she has had her

own suicidal thoughts. "But I never really considered it to the point where I almost did it," she said. "Everybody thinks about it when times get hard." Growing up in the small town of Fulton, Miss., McMillen said she wasn't bullied until school officials canceled the prom rather than allow McMillen and her girlfriend to attend as a couple. "I went through a lot of harassment and bullying after the lawsuit, and I realized how bad it felt being in that position," she said.

The American Civil Liberties Union sued the district, which paid \$35,000 to settle the lawsuit and also agreed to follow a non-discrimination policy, though it argued such a policy was already in place. Glamour magazine recently honored McMillen for her fight against intolerance, and she's now in the company of entertainer Fergie, actress



FILE - In this March 22, 2010 file photograph, Itawamba County Agricultural High School senior Constance McMillen, gestures as she leaves the federal courthouse in Aberdeen, Miss., following a hearing regarding the ACLU's preliminary injunction to force the prom at her high school. McMillen's fight against intolerance is a reason Glamour magazine has named her as one of its 'Women of the year 2010.'

(AP Photo/Rogelio V. Solis, File)

By SHELIA BYRD,
Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. — The lesbian who successfully challenged a rural Mississippi school district's ban on same-

sex prom dates says she wept when she read about the recent spate of gay teen suicides linked to harassment.

Constance McMillen, who was recently named one of

Julia Roberts, designer Donatella Versace and Queen Rania of Jordan.

Cindi Leive, Glamour editor-in-chief, said McMillen was selected by an advisory panel of past honorees, including Jennifer Lopez and Katie Couric. The main measure for honorees is that they help make the world a better place for others, Leive said.

"We've seen such devastating proof this year of how tough it is for gay teens out there. To have someone like Constance stand up for who she is with dignity and pride, is a really meaningful thing for other young people to see. We respect her bravery and her example," Leive said in an e-mail. In a photo on the magazine's website, McMillen is dressed in a tuxedo and a tiara and standing in her messy bedroom. A television movie about her case is also in the works. □

Ohio NASA lockdown spurred by test system glitch

By MEGHAN BARR,
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — A NASA research center was locked down Friday because a misdirected phone call during an emergency notification system test at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida led workers in Ohio to believe there was a gunman on

campus.

There was no shooting, but a NASA Glenn Research Center employee thought there was, said center spokeswoman Lori Rachul.

A Glenn center employee has the same last name as an employee at the NASA center running the test and mistakenly received an

automated call at about 9:30 a.m. warning that there was a shooter in the facility, Glenn center Director Ramon Lugo III said.

The employee told a supervisor, and the information went up the chain of command at Glenn, where officials were unaware of the test and ordered a lockdown.

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The anti-abortion group Kansans For Life failed to remove four Supreme Court justices for their decisions regarding abortion clinics. In Colorado, three high court members withheld a removal campaign focused on their tax decisions. And in Illinois, a Supreme Court justice survived an attempt to oust him because he overturned a cap on medical malpractice damages.

"There's a very small number of extremely emotional issues that can cause voters to weigh in and take judges off the court," said Charlie Hall, spokesman for Justice at Stake, a nonpartisan group that campaigns to keep the courts impartial. "For the most part, it's still the rare exception."

Hall said gay marriage rulings are likely to cause the biggest backlashes in any future elections, but that abortion also could motivate many voters.

Brian Brown, executive director of the National Organization for Marriage, said earlier referendums in California and Maine, plus the Iowa campaign, prove that gay marriage is an issue that will motivate voters to act.

In Maine, voters overturned the Legislature's passage of a bill legalizing gay marriage. And in California, voters approved Proposition 8 banning gay marriage, but that measure is being appealed.

Brown, whose group spent \$235,000 on the Iowa effort, said the effort succeeded because it involved extensive TV ads, campaign phone calls, a 20-city bus tour, and outreach at churches and other venues.

"People do care that judges are forcing their will on people," he said.

Brown said the group may organize future campaigns to remove the other four Iowa justices involved in the same-sex marriage ruling.

And they might take on judges in other states, too.

Brown said his group's focus is now to get a constitutional amendment on the ballot in Iowa to give voters a chance to overturn the court's decision and redefine marriage as being between one man and one woman.

Lane, of AFA Action, said the distribution by conservative churches of 200,000 voter guides was a big factor that will be effective in future judge-recall efforts.

"No question it would work," Lane said.

Troy Newman, president of the Wichita, Kan.-based anti-abortion group Operation Rescue, said Iowa's vote could be a model for more challenges around the nation. He said his group plans to get involved in other state judicial races but has not decided which ones to target.

Operation Rescue, which also opposes gay marriage, made phone calls and sent volunteers to lobby Iowa voters, Newman said. He predicted that judicial challenges, especially over gay rights and possibly abortion, would happen more frequently due to rising voter anger.

"2010 was the beginning of the beginning," Newman said.

Gay rights groups and some legal experts do not expect a wave of judge removals, but they worry the Iowa case was meant to intimidate other courts.

Kevin Cathcart, executive director of New York-based Lambda Legal, which pursued the challenge of Iowa marriage laws that led to the court's decision, said he sees the campaign as "a warning shot across the bow of judges."

Lambda Legal will not stop pursuing its goals in the courts, Cathcart said, but the organization needs to examine what can be done to prevent more removals.

"I still believe the courts have been our community's best avenue to extending civil rights and moving closer to equality," he said. "While it is definitely a huge bump in the road ... we need to figure out how to do better through voter education." Next time a removal effort begins, he added, Lambda Legal might wage a campaign to explain to voters the importance of an independent judiciary.

Rachel Paine Caufield, a law professor at Drake University in Des Moines, said the Iowa ruling could have a "really chilling" effect on judges nationwide. She speculated that some potential judicial candidates will opt against seeking jobs on the bench.

Connie Mackey, president of the Washington, D.C.-based Family Research Council's political action committee, said the group contributed \$60,000 to the Iowa campaign and was eager to challenge justices in Iowa or elsewhere whose decisions are out of line with the group's agenda.

"Where we can play a role, and where we feel we can have a shot at taking those judges out, we certainly will jump in," she said. □



A Cuyahoga County Sheriff's armored vehicle leaves the NASA Glenn Research Center in Brook Park, Ohio, on Friday, Nov. 5, 2010. A Brook Park police dispatcher reported a computer glitch caused a lockdown of the facility prompting a response by law enforcement.

(AP Photo/Mark Duncan)

It was called off when officials realized the error.

"I want to apologize to everybody for the inconvenience and the stress that resulted from the situation," Lugo said. "I have been assured by NASA headquarters that they're going to be conducting a review of this incident to assure that it doesn't occur in the future."

Lugo would not say which space agency center was conducting the test, but a union official in Cleveland said it originated at the Kennedy Space Center.

"This whole thing was a fiasco," said Virginia Cantwell, president of a union representing 1,345 NASA Glenn employees.

She said the false alarm was costly and that worried employees thought a gunman was stalking the grounds. "People are very upset about this," she added.

Lugo said employees were told to lock themselves in their offices and stay inside and acknowledged that some were "traumatized" by the event.

NASA Glenn was placed under what was described as a "complete lockdown." During the lockdown, a spokeswoman declined to confirm reports that a gunman was being sought. Loudspeakers announced "all clear" and "the emergency is over" shortly before 11 a.m.

Lugo said officials initially had the understanding that a suspected gunman was in one

building and then found out he was possibly in another building.

"It was a little bit of confusion given that we couldn't find anybody when we either entered the first building or the second building," he said. Michael Bilinovich, head of security at Glenn, said NASA is in a testing phase of the notification system and that Glenn plans to test it later this month.

The emergency notification problem represented a second glitch Friday for NASA, which also delayed the space shuttle Discovery's final voyage, possibly until the end of the month, because of a potentially dangerous hydrogen gas leak discovered during fueling.

The NASA Glenn complex, next to Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, has more than 3,400 employees and contract workers and developed some key components of a rocket for NASA's now-canceled \$100 billion return-to-the moon program. The center has weathered several years of staff cuts and is facing uncertainty over potential cuts in space programs.

The center is named after Ohio resident John Glenn, who in 1962 piloted the United States' first manned orbital mission.

Visitors are required to sign in, get a pass and be escorted on the grounds. Security was beefed up after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks. □

Victims remembered 1 year after Fort Hood shooting



People stand for the national anthem during an awards ceremony and memorial stone unveiling commemorating the one-year anniversary of the worst mass shooting on a U.S. military base, where 13 people were killed and dozens wounded, Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, in Fort Hood, Texas.

(AP Photo/Eric Gay)

By ANGELA K. BROWN,
Associated Press

FORT HOOD, Texas — Family members of the 13 people killed one year ago during a shooting rampage at Fort Hood kneeled, cried and ran their hands across their loved one's names etched in a 6-foot-tall granite memorial unveiled Friday at the Texas Army post. Many families of the 12 soldiers and one civilian who died on Nov. 5, 2009, met

each other for the first time at the anniversary memorial, hugging and weeping together. "It was so emotional to be with the other families and to remember and honor our loved ones we lost on this day," said Leila Hunt Willingham, whose brother, Spc. Jason Dean "J.D." Hunt, was killed. Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey and Army Secretary John McHugh presented awards to more

than 50 soldiers and civilians whose actions "went above and beyond the call of duty." Capt. John Gaffaney, who was fatally shot after he threw a chair at the gunman, received an award posthumously.

The crowd rose to its feet and applauded, and some cheered when medals were presented to Officer Kim Munley and Sgt. Mark Todd, the two civilian Fort Hood police officers who engaged in a gunbattle with the shooter, eventually wounding him. Munley was wounded by the gunman. Todd said he thought about the shooting every day.

"It's not about us. It's about the families," Todd said after the ceremony. "You never know what can happen. You've just got to rely on training and pay attention to the little things." The victims' families also talked to the officers and soldiers who were wounded or who helped that day.

Kerry Cahill, whose father,

Michael Cahill, was killed, hugged Staff Sgt. Zackary Filip, a combat medic who had recently returned from Afghanistan and helped about 20 wounded soldiers that day. Filip was among those who received a medal Friday.

"I wanted to meet the people who knew Dad ... and to say 'thank you,'" Kerry Cahill said. One year ago, a gunman wearing an Army combat uniform stood near the building's front door, shouted "Allahu Akbar!" — Arabic for "God is great!" — and opened fire in a crowded medical building where deploying soldiers get vaccines and other tests, witnesses say. He fired rapidly, pausing only to reload, shooting at soldiers hiding under desks and those fleeing the building, according to witnesses.

The gunman was identified by witnesses and authorities as Maj. Nidal Hasan, an Army psychiatrist and American-

born Muslim who was to deploy to Afghanistan the following month. Hasan, who was paralyzed from the chest down when he was shot that day, is charged with 13 counts of premeditated murder and 32 counts of attempted premeditated murder. His Article 32 hearing to determine if there's enough evidence to send him to trial will resume later this month. "It's a chapter in this Army that no matter how many tears may fall will never, ever be washed away and will be part of our history forever," McHugh told about 1,000 people sitting in chairs under tents with other soldiers and families standing in a field with several other memorial markers.

Maj. Gen. William Grimsley, Fort Hood's commanding general, said, "Our home was attacked ... not in a distant battlefield but right here ... and American heroes sacrificed their lives." □

3 gulls found with jagged beer cans around necks

SAN FRANCISCO — Three seagulls with jagged beer-can collar slipped around their necks have been discovered in the San Francisco area.

Rebecca Dmytryk of the Moss Landing-based WildRescue group says the organization first received photographs in September showing a gull with a sliced-open Budweiser can stuck around its neck. She told the San Jose Mercury News there are confirmed sightings of other gulls with jagged beer can collars at Fisherman's Wharf in San Francisco, a beach in Half Moon Bay and other undisclosed locations in the Bay Area. She says the collars prevent the birds from eating or grooming.

The rescue group is now trying to find the birds and those responsible for what Dmytryk calls a sick level of animal abuse. □



FILE -- In this undated photo provided by WildRescue, a gull is seen at a beach in Half Moon Bay, Calif., with a beer can around its neck. Three seagulls with jagged beer-can collars slipped around their necks have been discovered in the San Francisco area. Rebecca Dmytryk of the Moss Landing-based WildRescue group says the organization first received photographs in September showing a gull with a sliced-open Budweiser can stuck around its neck.

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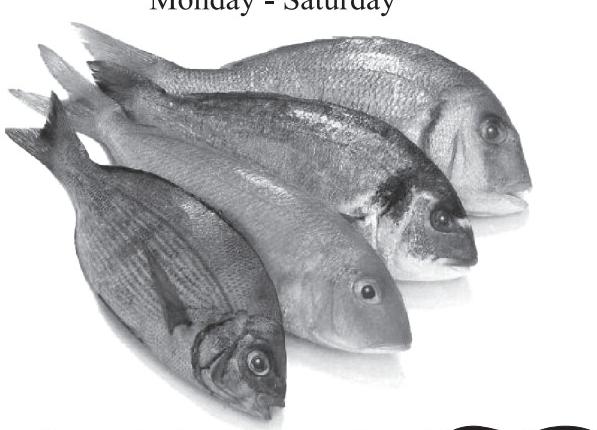
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Pelosi will seek to stay as House Dem leader

By CHARLES BABINGTON,
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Despite widespread complaints about massive losses that will put Democrats in the minority, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said Friday she will try to stay on as leader of her party in the House.

The decision exposed a rift between Pelosi's liberal allies and the dwindling number of moderate Democrats, who feel besieged and eager for substantive and symbolic changes in direction after Tuesday's Republican rout. It also is likely to trigger leadership battles farther down the ladder.

Pelosi, the nation's first female speaker, said many colleagues urged her to seek the post of minority leader in the new Congress that convenes in January. That will be the Democrats' top post, because Republicans, who grabbed more than 60 Democratic-held seats Tuesday, will elect the next speaker. It will be John Boehner of Ohio, who will swap titles with Pelosi if she succeeds in her bid.

"We have no intention of allowing our great achievements to be rolled back," Pelosi, 70, said in a letter to her colleagues.

Allies said Pelosi would not make the bid unless she felt certain she had the votes. House members elect their respective party leaders at the start of each new Congress. Her caucus is more heavily liberal now that many moderate Democrats lost on Tuesday.

Several moderates, and even some longtime Pelosi supporters, had openly criticized her in their re-election campaigns, and had urged her to step aside.

Pelosi's Friday announcement caught some off guard.

Rep. John Yarmuth, D-Ky., had told a Louisville TV station on Thursday, "as good a leader as she has been, I don't think she's the right leader to take us forward."

He reversed field Friday after she announced her intentions, and after a senior Pelosi ally, Rep. George Miller of California, called him.

Pelosi "has proven time and time again that she is able to build consensus in a caucus comprised of members from all across the ideological spectrum," Yarmuth said.

Other House Democrats held their ground.

Rep. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., said he was "disappointed that Speaker Pelosi is going to seek the position of Minority Leader." North Carolina Rep. Larry Kissell's office said he hopes Pelosi "will change her mind and step aside."

Reps. Dan Boren of Oklahoma and Mike Ross of Arkansas also said they opposed Pelosi. They were among the many House Democrats whom Republicans criticized for their loyalty to the California liberal, who was a forceful though generally well-liked speaker. During her four years as Speaker, Pelosi used all her political muscle to enact contentious measures such as President Barack Obama's health care overhaul.

Republicans were giddy in learning the news. Republican National Committee Chairman Michael Steele, in a meeting with reporters, put his hands over his head and applauded. "My breath is taken away by that announcement," he said, grinning.

In a statement, White House spokesman Bill Burton said the

president appreciates the work of Pelosi and the Democratic leadership team "who have been great partners in moving the country forward" and he looks forward to working with them.

Pelosi's announcement set off a likely battle for the No. 2 Democratic leadership job, now held by Majority Leader Steny Hoyer of Maryland. The party's third-ranking leader, House Whip Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, said he will try to keep the job, which will become the second in command when Democrats become the minority.

If Clyburn — the House's highest-ranking African-American — prevails, Hoyer would be forced out of the leadership ranks for the first time in many years.

Hoyer said he would make a decision after consulting with lawmakers, adding, "I have received an outpouring of support from Democratic colleagues who have told me that I should remain in our party's leadership."

Hoyer is more centrist than Pelosi, and the two have long had a cordial but somewhat wary relationship.

Pelosi's bid presumably will keep her atop the Democratic caucus, which will number about 190 members next year. But it would mark a big drop from being speaker, which carries tremendous power to influence legislation and is second only to the vice president in the line of presidential succession.

Among those defending her was Rep. Jesse Jackson, Jr., D-Ill. "We're in a political storm," he said, "but we don't need to adopt an 'any leader in a storm' mentality."

Several Democratic lawmakers in conservative



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi of Calif., waits to speak to supporters at an election night party in Washington, Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2010.

(AP Photo/Alex Brandon)

districts had vowed to oppose Pelosi as speaker, but some of them lost their re-election bids all the same.

One survivor, Rep. Heath Shuler of North Carolina, had said he might challenge Pelosi because the party needs a more moderate leader.

Shuler noted that he lost his job as Washington Redskins quarterback in 1997 after the team performed poorly.

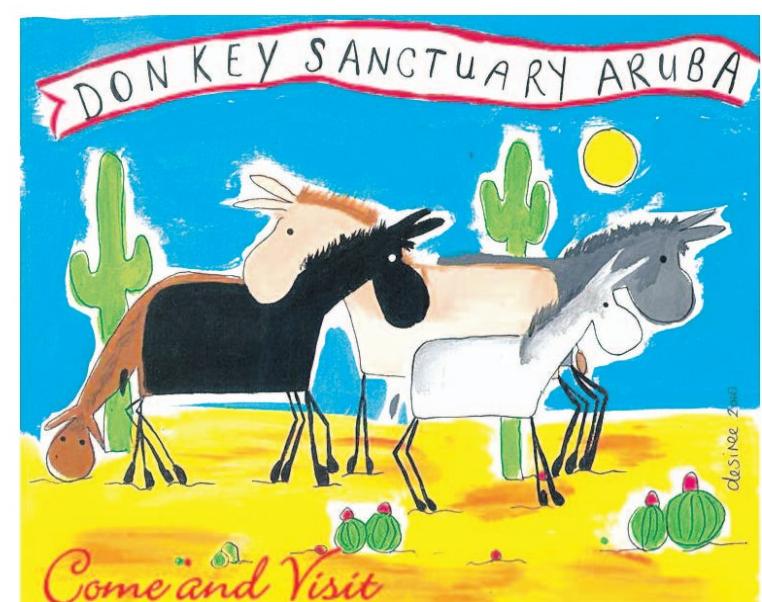
As the magnitude of Tuesday's election losses sunk in, even some longtime supporters of Pelosi said she needed to step aside as the party leader.

"I voted for everything she asked me to vote for," said Rep. Albio Sires, D-N.J. "You know, sometimes in this business it's difficult to know

when to move on."

"With all the losses that we had with governors and all the redistricting that's going to be done, we don't need the target," Sires said, referring to the once-a-decade House redistricting process about to begin nationwide.

If Pelosi remains as the Democrats' House leader, it's possible the party will absorb historic election losses without making significant leadership changes. In the Senate, Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., will keep his post. Pelosi's decision also may enable Republicans to keep demonizing her as an emblem of Democratic liberalism, as they did in so many campaigns this fall. □



White ex-transit officer given 2-year prison term



Kim Webber, right, looks emotional after hearing the sentencing of former Bay Area Rapid Transit police officer Johannes Mehserle in Oakland, Calif., Friday, Nov. 5, 2010. Mehserle was convicted of involuntary manslaughter for the fatal shooting of Oscar Grant at a BART station on Jan. 1, 2009. Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Robert Perry sentenced Mehserle to two years in prison.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

By GREG RISLING,
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A judge sentenced a white former transit officer to two years in prison Friday in the shooting death of an unarmed black man on a California train platform, angering friends and family members of the victim who wanted a much harsher punishment.

The case has provoked racial unrest at every turn, and police in Oakland were on alert for more problems following a sentence that many thought

was too light.

Defendant Johannes Mehserle had faced a possible 14-year maximum term after being convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

The mother of victim Oscar Grant shouted, "Oh my!" when Superior Court Judge Robert Perry issued the two-year sentence in court.

In making his decision, Perry threw out a gun enhancement that could have added 10 years in prison and said there was overwhelming evidence that it was an accidental shooting.

"I did the best I could with this case," Perry told the courtroom. "My decisions today will not be well-received by many people. I'm sorry for that."

Police said they were prepared in case there was a replay of the rioting in Oakland that followed the shooting on New Year's Day 2009.

Reaction to the case has drawn comparisons to the infamous 1991 Rodney King beating by Los Angeles police officers, which inflamed a racial divide and led to the disastrous 1992 riot when the officers were acquitted of brutality charges. Mehserle was convicted in July in the videotaped, killing of the 22-year-old Grant in Oakland.

The case was moved to Los Angeles for trial.

Perry had wide discretion when sentencing the 28-year-old Mehserle.

Prosecutors sought prison time for Mehserle, whose lawyers argued for probation. Perry said Mehserle has served nearly 150 days in custody and with credit for time served, he has 293 days applied to his sentence, nearly cutting it in half.

Defense attorney Michael

Rains filed an immediate appeal with the court.

Mehserle testified during the trial that he thought Grant had a weapon and decided to shock him with his stun gun but instead pulled his .40-caliber handgun. Grant was unarmed and face down when he was shot.

Sentencing came after four relatives of Grant and his fiancee pleaded with Perry to order Mehserle to prison for 14 years.

Wanda Johnson, Grant's mother, cried as she gave a victim impact statement.

"I live every day of my life in pain," she said. "My son is not here because of a careless action."

The family continues to maintain that it was murder when Mehserle shot Grant. Mehserle was a Bay Area Rapid Transit officer responding to a report of a fight.

Mehserle, shackled and wearing a jail jumpsuit, also stood before the judge before sentencing and apologized for the shooting, which he contended was accidental and not racially motivated.

"I want to say how deeply sorry I am," Mehserle said.

"Nothing I ever say or do will heal the wound. I will always be sorry for taking Mr. Grant from them."

He also cried during portions of his 10-minute statement.

Earlier, the judge said he had received more than 1,000 letters urging a harsh sentence. The judge also dismissed a defense motion for a new trial. Prosecutors had sought a second-degree murder conviction, saying Mehserle became angry at Grant for resisting arrest.

However, jurors were given the choice of lesser charges, including voluntary and involuntary manslaughter.

In reaching a decision on involuntary manslaughter, jurors found that Mehserle didn't mean to kill Grant, but his behavior was still so negligent that it was criminal. Involuntary manslaughter has a sentencing range of two to four years, while the gun allegation carries a term of three, four or 10 years.

Perry had several options in sentencing Mehserle that include tossing out the gun enhancement that was written into law to punish robbers and other armed criminals. □



FILE - In this Jan. 23, 2007 file photo, China Arnold is shown in common pleas court in Dayton, Ohio. A state appeals court on Friday, Nov. 5, 2010, reversed Arnold's murder conviction in her baby daughter's burning death in a microwave oven. Arnold was sentenced in 2008 to life in prison without parole after being convicted of killing 28-day-old Paris Talley in August 2005. The conviction was reversed by the 2nd District Ohio Court of Appeals based on prosecutorial misconduct and a witness's recanting of her testimony, said Arnold's attorney, Jon Paul Rion.

(AP Photo/Al Behrman, File)

Ohio court reverses conviction in microwave death

By LISA CORNWELL,
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — A state appeals court on Friday reversed a woman's murder conviction in her baby daughter's burning death in a microwave oven.

The 2nd District Ohio Court of Appeals ruled there was prosecutorial misconduct and that the trial court erred in not allowing a material witness to testify in China Arnold's defense.

Arnold was sentenced in 2008 to life in prison without parole for the death of her month-old daughter.

Prosecutors could seek to retry Arnold, dismiss the case against her, ask the appeals court to reconsider its ruling or appeal to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Montgomery County prosecutors were still reviewing the ruling and had no immediate comment, prosecutor's spokesman Greg Flanagan said. Arnold is expected to be transferred within a week or two to the Montgomery County jail, where she would be held pending a bail hearing, her attorney said.

Arnold was convicted of aggravated murder for killing 28-day-old Paris

Talley in August 2005. Prosecutors said Arnold intentionally put the baby in the microwave after a fight with her boyfriend. They said the couple had argued over whether the boyfriend was the biological father.

Arnold was sentenced following her second trial; her first ended in a mistrial when new witnesses surfaced.

Linda Williams, a cellmate of Arnold and main witness for the state in the first trial, came forward after Arnold's conviction and said she had lied to the jury when she said Arnold confessed that she put her daughter in the microwave oven. Williams failed to appear at the second trial and the court allowed the prosecution to play a videotape of her earlier trial testimony implicating Arnold.

In the second trial, the Dayton-based appeals court said, the lower court denied the defendant "her right to a fair trial when the court permitted the state to introduce in evidence Williams' testimony from the first trial." The appeals court cited prior case law that says a fair trial demands that the accused be tried on "evidence produced in open court by witnesses who

can be confronted, cross-examined and rebutted."

The appeals court found misconduct by prosecutors by their failure in the first trial to provide timely notice of Williams' address to the defense. The limited opportunity prosecutors allowed the defense to interview Williams — for only few minutes before her trial testimony — denied an adequate opportunity for preparation for cross-examination of Williams, the appeals court said.

As a result, the defendant was denied "the right of prior confrontation" as required when former testimony of a hearsay witness is admitted in evidence," the court said.

The trial court also erred in not allowing the defense to introduce evidence at the second trial from a new witness, whose statements the defense contended contradicted Williams' testimony, the ruling said. The new witness, Kyra Woods, would have testified to the jury that Williams told her that Arnold never confessed to her that she put the baby in the microwave, defense attorney Jon Paul Rion said. □

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Delightful 'palatial' explosions took place

Stunning Kendall Jackson Wine Dinner at lovely Ruinas del Mar

PALM BEACH - "I have been attending many wine dinners during the past ten years", said Mark Kilbride, Kendall Jackson's regional manager of the Caribbean and cruise lines last week, "but this experience has been among the very best." Mark was referring to the outstanding California Harvest Wine Dinner that was served in his honor in lovely Ruinas del Mar Restaurant at the Hyatt Regency Resort. The intimate, almost fairytale-like atmosphere in the restaurant complemented the extraordinary, delightful 'palatial' explosions that the pairing of the dishes and the excellent wines caused.

Talking to Mr. Kilbride about pairing wine and food, the topic of his earlier short seminar, he explained that a top chef like Hyatt's Victor Litkewycz knows exactly which food flavors should be complemented by a wine and he will showcase his knowledge in a dinner like this.

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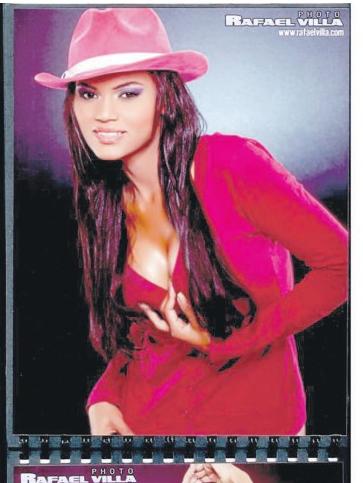
Venezuela Super Model Joha Pirelli Attended Champagne & Couture Cupcakes

ORANJESTAD — Venezuela super-model Joha Pirelli enjoyed the ambiance at the new Trash boutique when Aruba's most popular fashion emporium reopened following a refresh. She was among spotted celebrities attending the festivity, escorted by her companion Erick Munnikhuis, director of sales for Tuscany Residence.

Joha just recently came back from Italy where she walked the runways with the premier Moda E Spectacolo Tour, and where she shot a bikini bathing suit calendar for MaHaWuass, combined with much-photographed appearances on sfilata Modugno Moda.

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Venezuela Super Model Joha Pirelli Attended Champagne & Couture Cupcakes



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Joha was among the Miss Venezuela contestants when she was scouted by the Italian fashion houses, which made her an offer she could not refuse.

Pictured here, Joha, in black, making friends in Aruba, meeting the Koma models, affiliated to Trash and designer Ronchi de Cuba, at the downtown boutique □



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all in Aruba as "auntie") celebrated her 100th birthday at her second home. Friends and family all rejoiced in this blessed celebration with

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"He can come up with the perfect dish for the wine; not the other way round. Victor has passed with flying colors!" Although each of the five courses was spectacular, special mention should be made of the bacon that graced the first course. According to Mark it put the diver scallop on the heart of palm puree and the grapefruit gastrique on a plateau of its own, tasted

together with the Matanzas Creek Sauvignon Blanc Sonoma Country, California 2008. And while he said he had been greatly anticipating the spiced duck confit, the truffled duck breast and the celery root ravioli in a foie gras sauce to which a Byron Pinot Noir Santa Maria Valley, California 2008 was poured, he professed to be most bowled over by the main course, which chef Victor called

Head to Tail. The Freemark Abbey Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley, California 2005 was indeed absolutely divine with the tongue and cheek garlic confit, the Wagyu sirloin, the marrow bone and oxtail. Dessert seduced even the most hardened dieter with its accompanying Kendall Jackson Late Harvest Chardonnay Monterey, California 2006.

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Minister of Integration, Infrastructure and Environment Minister Sevinger installed

Commission to combat Boa Constrictors and Lionfish

Two predators causing damage to our nature



ORANJESTAD – This week, Minister Benny Sevinger installed a new commission to combat the infestation of Boa Constrictors and Lionfish on and around the island of Aruba. The idea of the commission is from Greg Peterson and Diego Marquez.

On September 15, 2010, Mr. Benny Sevinger, received the report entitled "An Aruba without Trupial, Prikichi, Patrishi and Shoco? The need for a Boa Control Program." The report was written by Diego Marquez of Parke Arikok Nacional and Greg Peterson president of Aruba Birdlife Conservation. During a meeting held with Minister Sevinger end of August, he requested

Marquez and Peterson to compile this document and present it to him as soon as possible. The report describes the exponential growth of the number of boas, the invasive predator in Aruba's wildlife and recommends a two-fold approach to the challenging situation.

On the one hand, the boa challenge should become part of a national invasive exotics policy and a government department should be made responsible for the development and implementation of such policy. But this course of action takes time.

On the other hand, the authors propose to establish a Boa Control Program Task Force,

which will carry out two activities before the end of 2010. The proposition entails that a jump-start be made by means of a boa culling activity, to be carried out by a combined effort of professionals and volunteers. Boas would have to be caught through visual detection in order to start reducing their numbers. This culling activity is not an activity on its own, rather a means to achieve a greater objective, namely to protect and conserve Aruba's endemic fauna from extinction.

The second activity to be carried out before the end of 2010 is a national bird count. The proposed yearly bird count will be used to monitor trends in bird species numbers.

The authors informed the minister of the urgency to act and emphasized that participation of the Government in tackling the invasive species challenges in general and of the Boa Constrictor in particular, was desired and very much needed.

In October of 2009, the first



sightings of the Lionfish were reported in the ABC islands. Aruba is the island that so far has been the least affected in the sense that compared to the other two islands the sightings in Aruba have not been more than 50 so far while in Bonaire the numbers caught has exceeded 300. Over the past six months several articles have been printed and even a few news segments on television has been dedicated to this invasive species that is becoming a serious menace to the marine ecology systems and humans. This past week one dive operator reported one Lionfish, which might have been the largest one spotted so far, reaching almost 45cm. This is generally the maximum size for mature adults. In less than one year in the waters around Aruba the Lionfish has reached full growth, which can only mean that it is eating heavily. The Pacific Lionfish was first spotted in Florida somewhere between 1992 and 1994. The reality is that it's here in Aruba now and it has become our problem. There are other species of fish in the waters around Aruba that are not native to this island, but they are not a threat like the Lionfish.

According to non-confirmed information, around 1992 several Lionfish in Florida got released into the Atlantic Ocean. The exact reason as to how this fish got there is still not clear and probably never will be. This has become an international problem and in particular for the Caribbean. From Puerto Rico to Trinidad this species of fish has been sighted on local reefs. Lionfish are native to the Indian and Pacific oceans. But in the past few years, they've showed up

along the Atlantic coast of the United States and throughout the Caribbean. Fish or other marine live species can arrive locally generally in two ways, which can be either by ocean current or released by humans. The problem is however that the Lionfish can spawn quickly and second, it has no natural enemy. It's a predator and there aren't any fish or other predators that will hunt it. In 2007 the Bahamas got hit hard by this invasion and it started to destroy the reef fish. This in turn started to affect the local fishing industry and ultimately the tourism and scuba diving economy. A recent study in the Bahamas showed that a Lionfish can kill three-quarters of a reef's fish population in just five weeks. Can the Lionfish be stopped? Here in Aruba we have a perfect example of what will happen if we don't.

Look at the problem with the Boa's. Again, the Boa didn't get here by itself. People brought these reptiles to the island. The Boa is not a local reptile and it has no known enemies. The result is what we see today. Boa's have invaded the island and are showing up even in places like hotels, which are not anywhere near Parke Arikok. Release of any type of animal in an environment, which is not its original environment, will have a negative impact on the local environment. "Exotic" animals or fish in this case will impact the marine life severely in Aruba if we do not act fast. Right now the control of the spread of the Lionfish can only be done by capturing the species and remove them from the reefs around Aruba. The best capturing program right now has been implemented in Bonaire. □

2 Acoustic makes Saturdays a favorite



ORANJESTAD - 2 Acoustic is a perfect blending of instrument and voice: Mirugia de Cuba and Kevin Kock are synonymous for a lovely evening, chilling, lounging and relaxing. They serve up soft live background music, cocktail party music or just easy listening. On Saturdays 2 Acoustic can be heard live at CILO City Lounge, where the duet is always in splendid form, delighting the guests with their excellent,

harmonious songs, some of them on request. The acoustic guitar is played by Kevin; the sweet voice is Mirugia's. No computerized backgrounds distort their simple, sweet renditions of pop, alternative, rock, Latin and classic songs. A bit about Kevin, who has been playing the guitar since he was 6 years old. He has played in various rock bands, teaching playing the guitar since 1995. Mirugia has been starring in different groups and

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In this Oct. 27, 2010 file photo, a village that was hit by pyroclastic flows from Mount Merapi eruption is covered with volcanic ash in Kinahrejo, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Mount Merapi erupted early last week after four years of dormancy, discharging pyroclastic flows that chased away villagers from their homes and left gray ash that fell like a shroud over everything left behind.

VOLCANO

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The 18-year-old Sri went looking for them when she heard her mother's screams, leaving at home an older sister, who died when the house became engulfed in flames.

"It was a safe place. There were no signs to evacuate," said Sri, a vacant gaze fixed on Prisca, whose neck and

face are burned a shiny ebony, her features nearly melted away.

Their mother is still missing. Their father, whose feet and ankles are burned, is being treated in another ward.

"I don't know what to say," she whispers when asked if she blames officials for not warning the family. "Angry at who? I'm just sad. And very sick."

Merapi's latest round of eruptions began Oct. 26, followed by more than a dozen other powerful blasts and thousands of tremors.

With each new eruption, scientists and officials have steadily pushed the villagers who live along Merapi's fertile slopes farther from the crater. But after initially predicting earlier eruptions would ease pressure under the magma dome, experts who have spent a lifetime studying the volcano now say the don't know what to expect.

Scientists can study the patterns of volcanoes, but their eruptions are essentially unpredictable, as Merapi's increasingly intense blasts have proved. On Friday, the towering plumes of ash rained dust on windshields of cars 300 miles (480 kilometers) away, although a rain near the mountain in the afternoon turned much of it to sludge. Bursts of hot clouds occasionally interrupted aid efforts, with rescuers screaming, "Watch out! Hot cloud!"

The eruption released 1,765 million cubic feet of volcanic material, making it "the biggest in at least a century," said state volcanologist Gede Swantika as plumes of smoke continued to shoot up more than 30,000 feet.

Soldiers pulled at least 78 bodies from homes and streets blanketed by ash up to a foot deep Friday, raising the overall toll to 122, according to the National Disaster Management Agency.

With bodies found in front of houses and in streets, it appeared that many of the villagers died from the blistering gas while trying to escape, said Col. Tjiptono, a deputy police chief.

"The heat surrounded us and there was white smoke everywhere," said Niti Raharjo, 47, who was thrown from his motorbike along with his 19-year-old son while trying to flee.

"There was an explosion ... and it got worse, the ash and debris raining down," he said from a hospital.

The living — with clothes, blankets and even mattresses fused to their skin by the 1,400-degree Fahrenheit heat — were carried away on stretchers following the first big explosion just before midnight.

More than 150 injured people — with burns, respiratory problems, broken bones and cuts — waited to be treated at the tiny Sardjito hospital, where the bodies piled up in its morgue, and two other hospitals. Despite being at the foot of Indonesia's deadliest volcano, Yogyakarta has only one burn unit — at Sardjito. The facility is limited to 10 beds, though, and so turns away any patient without facial burns or whose body is burned less than 40 percent,

according to Sigit Priohutomo, a senior official at Sardjito. "We're totally overwhelmed here!" hospital spokesman Heru Nogroho said. More than 100,000 people living on the mountain have been evacuated to crowded emergency shelters, many by force, in the last week. Some return to their villages during lulls in activity, however, to tend to their livestock.

They were told to stay away Friday. The government also announced an \$11 million program to buy the cows on the mountain to keep farmers off its slopes, and to provide compensation for animals lost in the eruptions.

Indonesia, a vast archipelago of 235 million people, is prone to earthquakes and volcanoes because it sits along the Pacific "Ring of Fire," a horseshoe-shaped string of faults that lines the Pacific Ocean.

While Friday's explosion was the largest in volume in a century, an eruption at Merapi in 1930 killed many more — 1,300. Even that toll pales in comparison to other volcanoes in the region: Indonesia's Krakatoa killed at least 36,000 people in 1883, in an eruption that could be heard 2,000 miles away and blackened skies region-wide for months.

When the Philippines' Mount Pinatubo exploded in 1991 after a 500-year slumber, about 800 people died as the billions of tons of volcanic debris poured from the cone, erasing entire farm communities and altering the world's climate.

The May 1980 eruption of Mount St. Helens caused the volcano's north flank to collapse, triggering the largest landslide ever recorded. The blast killed 57 people, flattened 230 square miles of forests and blew 1,300 feet off the peak. □

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Judge orders Lori Berenson freed from prison

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LIMA, Peru (AP) — A Peruvian judge ordered convicted rebel collaborator Lori Berenson freed from prison Friday, ruling her initial parole decision sound, but the New Yorker's legal troubles remained unresolved.

Judge Jessica Leon originally paroled Berenson in May, deeming her rehabilitated after having served the required three-quarters of a 20-year sentence for assisting the leftist Tupac Amaru Revolutionary Movement, or MRTA.

But a higher court annulled the judge's decision on a technicality in August, sending Berenson back to a Lima woman's prison. She took her 18-month old son, Salvador, with her.

Berenson, 40, showed no emotion as the judge ruled in a prison courtroom. Her lawyer and husband, Anibal Apari, said he expected her to be freed within 24 hours.

The former Massachusetts Institute of Technology student and leftist activist must remain in Peru, however, until her full sentence is served — unless President Alan Garcia decides to commute it.

Garcia has indicated he would not consider a decision until all of the legal issues in the case have been resolved — which means Berenson could be stuck in Peru for some time. The prosecutor in the case said he would appeal Friday's ruling.

Apari said an appeal would take two to three months to be resolved.

Berenson's mother, Rhoda Berenson, told The Associated Press in a telephone interview, "I'm very happy right now. ... We knew all along that Lori was not doing anything unusual. She was following the rules so we were only hoping that the law would prevail and it has."

But Berenson's father, Mark, told the AP in an e-mail that "our joy is tempered knowing the prosecutor will again appeal the judge's decision and, as Yogi Berra once observed, 'It ain't over until it's over.'"

He told the AP last week that his daughter has medical issues "that require surgical attention" and that "Lori learned last year from her back surgery that without appropriate, if any, post operative rehabilitation such surgery is useless."

Leon dismissed arguments by prosecutor Julio Galindo that Berenson had not completed sufficient work and study benefits to attain the full 15 years of credit.

"The sentence was completed with its goal of re-education, rehabilitation and resocialization, which permits her to finish the sentence in liberty," the judge said.

Galindo has pledged to do his all to keep Berenson in prison, arguing that it is his duty to protect Peruvian society and that others convicted of terrorism-related crimes could now argue that they, too, should go free.

"There are no guarantees for people who want to live in peace, for the children and families of people killed by terrorists," he told reporters after the hearing.

Many Peruvians remain traumatized by a 1980-2000 conflict that claimed 80,000 lives. In that conflict, the fanatical Maoist Shining Path did most of the killing while the MRTA was a minor player. In returning Berenson to prison on Aug. 18, Galindo had successfully argued that a required report by police verifying the address at which she would be living was not filed. A three-judge panel accepted the argument and annulled Leon's parole.

In an interview with three Lima-based journalists at the time, Berenson said her case had become a political football with presidential elections due in April. She is viewed by many Peruvians as a symbol of the left-wing violence that afflicted the nation two decades ago — though she denies ever belonging to the MRTA or engaging in violent acts.

In ordering Berenson's release Friday, Leon cited a letter Berenson wrote in May in which she apologized to Peruvian society for any hurt



U.S. Lori Berenson, left, listens to a judicial clerk at a courthouse in Lima, Peru, Friday, Nov. 5, 2010. A Peruvian judge has ordered that convicted rebel collaborator Lori Berenson be released from prison on parole.

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she may have caused.

Berenson was arrested in 1995 and accused of helping the MRTA plan an armed takeover of the Peruvian Congress. The takeover never happened, but prosecutors said that among other things, Berenson had

helped the group to rent a safe house. A military court convicted Berenson in 1996 and sentenced her to life in prison for sedition.

She was retried by a civilian court in 2001 and sentenced to 20 years on a conviction of

terrorist collaboration.

Berenson was completely unrepentant at the time of her arrest but softened during years of sometimes harsh prison conditions, eventually being praised as a model prisoner. □

WikiLeaks founder mulls asylum in Switzerland

FRANK JORDANS

Associated Press Writer

GENEVA (AP) — The founder of WikiLeaks, the whistleblowers' Web site, said Friday he may apply for asylum in Switzerland, claiming he and his group have come under increasing pressure since releasing hundreds of thousands of secret U.S. military documents.

Julian Assange told reporters he was "still looking into the process" of requesting asylum, but was considering the Alpine country because "the Swiss have a history of fierce independence."

In October, Sweden denied Assange's application for a residence permit. The 39-year-old Australian had sought to establish a base for WikiLeaks in Sweden to take advantage of its laws protecting whistleblowers.

Prosecutors in the Scandinavian country are still investigating rape and sexual molestation allegations against Assange by two Swedish women. Assange has denied the allegations.

Assange was speaking

Friday at the United Nations in Geneva after a meeting organized by the Iranian Elite Research Center, a U.N.-accredited group based in Tehran.

He has urged U.S. authorities to probe possible rights abuses by American troops in Afghanistan and Iraq following the publication by his group of almost 500,000 secret U.S. documents about the wars there.

U.S. State Department legal adviser Harold Koh dismissed the call Friday, saying information in the leaked files was already known to U.S. authorities and hundreds of investigations into suspected abuses in Afghanistan and Iraq had taken place.

Assange, a veteran computer hacker, established WikiLeaks in 2006 and it has obtained secret documents, stored them outside the reach of governments, then released them globally.

That has included 391,832 secret documents on the Iraqi war and some 77,000 classified Pentagon documents on the



Wikileaks founder Julian Assange speaks in front of NGO's delegates during a NGO conference at the European headquarters of the United Nations, in Geneva, Switzerland, Friday, Nov. 5, 2010.

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Afghan conflict. Assange has since been denounced by governments, and some of his own colleagues, for releasing Afghan documents that contained the names of Afghan intelligence sources for NATO forces, thereby theoretically placing the sources' lives at risk. □

Rescue workers remove bodies from Cuba plane crash

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GUASIMAL, Cuba (AP)

— Rescue workers on Friday pulled bodies from the charred wreckage of a state airliner that went down in rugged central Cuba, as desperate relatives gathered at the capital's airport and called foreign embassies seeking information on their loved ones.

All 68 people aboard AeroCaribbean Flight 883 were killed when the turboprop plane went down Thursday afternoon in a remote area near the village of Guasimal in Sancti Spiritus province.

Twenty-eight foreigners were among the dead, including nine Argentines, seven Mexicans, and citizens of Germany, Holland, Spain, Italy and other European countries. One Japanese national was also on board. It was Cuba's worst air disaster in more than 20 years.

The plane, carrying 61 passengers and an all-Cuban crew of seven, was en route to the capital from the main eastern city of Santiago de Cuba when it reported an emergency at 5:42 p.m. and later crashed in flames.

Cuban state media showed footage of rescue workers and military personnel poring over the crash site in the evening hours while firefighters sprayed the smoldering wreckage. Bodies of the victims were being brought to the medical examiner's office in Havana for identification, and a commission was formed to determine the cause of the crash.

There was no mention of whether authorities recovered the plane's flight recorders, which can give crucial information about a flight's final moments.

Javier Figueroa, an official at the Argentine Embassy in Havana, said the mission was inundated with calls from worried relatives in his country. President Cristina Fernandez was readying a plane to ferry family members of the victims to Cuba, but it was not clear when it would arrive.

"We have been in contact with the (Cuban) Foreign Ministry and Civil Aviation about the rescue efforts, which are being made more difficult because of the area's rugged conditions," Figueroa said. "That is making identifications more complicated."

Figueroa said the Argentines on board appeared to be tourists — not residents — and they were not part of a single tour group.

Mexico's foreign ministry said embassy personnel in Cuba were on their way to the crash site, and would work with Cuban officials to help identify victims. It said consular officials were helping relatives of the victims. Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero sent a letter of condolence to Cuban leader Raul Castro, and promised his country's help.

At Havana's national terminal, relatives were isolated from travelers and journalists. One distraught man told The Associated Press he lost three cousins aboard the plane, but would not give his name and was quickly ushered away by



Flames emerge from the wreckage of a Cuban airliner as Police officers and residents look on after it crashed near the village of Guasimal in Santi Spiritus province, Cuba, Thursday Nov. 4, 2010. AeroCaribbean Flight 883 flying from the eastern city of Santiago de Cuba to the capital crashed after declaring an emergency Thursday evening with 68 people aboard, including 28 foreigners, state media reported. There was no immediate word on whether any survived.

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airport officials.

In Toulouse, France, aircraft manufacturer ATR said the plane was built in 1995 and became part of AeroCaribbean's fleet in October 2006. It had logged 25,000 hours of flying time during more than 34,500 flights.

"At this time, the reasons for the accident are still unknown," the company said, adding that it was ready to "provide full technical assistance" to Cuban and French aviation officials.

"ATR expresses its deepest sympathy to the families, friends and loved ones affected by the accident," the company said.

In Guasimal, about 220 miles east of Havana, emergency vehicles lined a road about 2 miles from the crash site, and journalists were not permitted to get any closer.

Photos posted on the website

of the local newspaper,

Escambray, showed a large piece of the plane in flames, with rescue workers in olive-green military uniforms standing around it. Others showed rescue workers using a bulldozer to reach the remote site.

Another picture showed the AeroCaribbean plane in happier times, painted white, yellow and blue, and adorned with images of bending palm trees.

The twice-a-week AeroCaribbean flight goes from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to Santiago de Cuba to Havana.

Cuban media was quick to release the passenger manifest, but details on the crash itself were hard to come by in a country whose press is tightly controlled.

A state television newscast hours after the crash led with news of an American ballet company's visit to Cuba, then reported on a

Transportation Ministry decree that said travelers would be reimbursed or rescheduled if their trips were interrupted by tropical weather in eastern Cuba.

The announcers made no mention of the crash until they read a short statement toward the end of the broadcast.

The flight would have been one of the last leaving Santiago de Cuba for Havana ahead of Hurricane Tomas, which had not yet reached Cuba when the plane went down.

AeroCaribbean is owned by Cuban state airline Cubana de Aviacion.

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Restoration planned for Bethlehem Nativity Church

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Associated Press Writer

BETHLEHEM, West Bank (AP) — The Palestinian government announced Monday it is planning an ambitious restoration project for the ancient church that marks the traditional birthplace of Jesus, an important Christian site that draws millions of visitors.

The renovation of Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity is expected to take several years and millions of dollars, according to Ziad Bandak, an official overseeing the restoration. Bandak said this is the first comprehensive restoration project on the church since it was completed in the

fourth century. He said the roof, pillars and mosaics in the church all need work.

"Rain leaking in has caused great damage to all of those, which led us to move quickly to repair the damage," Bandak said, adding that the project would also aim to fix general wear and tear on the centuries-old church. The fortress-like church, built in the classic style with a long central area under a basilica lined with columns on both sides, is dark and damp. The main Christmas event, the Midnight Mass, is celebrated in the 19th century St. Catherine's Church next door to the Church of the Nativity.

The Palestinian government has appealed to European and Arab nations to help

fund the project, Bandak said. He said the three churches that administer sections of the church have agreed to the project. Officials from the Latin, Greek and Armenian churches could not be reached for comment. Their rivalries have often led to fistfights between monks at the holy site.

Bethlehem was once the site of frequent battles between the Israeli military and Palestinian militants, but a drop in violence in recent years has boosted tourism to the town.

Foreign and local worshippers pack the old church at Christmas. As many as 2 million people visit the church every year, according to Palestinian



A team of Italian conservators examine a mosaic in the Church of Nativity, traditionally believed by many to be birthplace of Jesus Christ, in the West Bank town of Bethlehem, Monday, Oct. 25, 2010. The Palestinian government is planning an ambitious restoration project for Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity, expected to take several years and cost millions of dollars.

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Tourism Minister Khouloud Daibes.

"The restoration won't hinder tourism and pilgrimage and worshipping in the church. Visitors and pilgrims are always welcome to visit the church in all phases of the restoration," she said.

On Monday, the church was littered with building materials as workers

assessed the scope of needed repairs.

A group of Italian artisans hovered over one of the church's mosaics, studying the tiny stones.

"We are checking the colors, the stone, the conservation, and after that we will do the restoration," said Stefano Defen, one of the restorers.

"There is a lot to do." □

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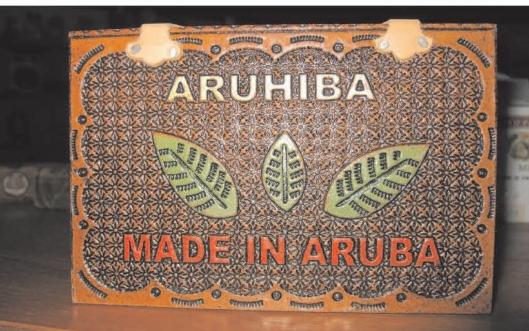
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AP source: Clubhouse mgr. admitted baseball bet

By RONALD BLUM

AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — New York Mets clubhouse manager Charlie Samuels admitted betting on baseball, according to a person familiar with the investigation. Samuels made the admission to an investigator for Major League Baseball in the last few weeks, the person said Friday, speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

"He admitted betting on baseball on at least one occasion," the person said. Samuels' bet on baseball first was reported by the New York Daily News. MLB believes most of Samuels' alleged gambling involved NFL games, the person said.

The team said Thursday that Samuels had been suspended but did not say why. The person said Samuels had become involved in an investigation into illegal gambling by the Queens District Attorney and the New York Police Department.

A second person, also speaking on condition of anonymity, said Friday that law enforcement is investigating the possibility that Samuels borrowed money from team accounts for short periods of time without authorization and then paid the money back. Samuels was hired by the Mets in 1976 and last month completed his 27th season as clubhouse manager. He also has been involved in the team's travel arrangements for many years. □

JoePa on cusp of 400-win plateau

GENARO C. ARMAS

AP Sports Writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — The remarkable career of Joe Paterno can reach another pinnacle Saturday.

Penn State's iconic leader is just a win away from his 400th victory, a milestone no other FBS coach has ever reached. Only Northwestern stands in the way when the Wildcats (6-2, 2-2 Big Ten) visit Beaver Stadium on Saturday.

Not one to promote his own accomplishments, Paterno pleaded this week to keep the focus on the game and not his 45-year tenure on the sideline with the Nittany Lions (5-3, 2-2).

"You're going to win a couple of games in that time. I really don't give it much thought," said Paterno, who turns 84 next month. "It's not going to make a difference if I win 390 or 400 wins or how ever many."

But whether he likes it or not, JoePa is the talk of Happy Valley — and much of the rest of the college football world, too. He's got one especially big fan in the South.

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In this Oct. 2, 2010, file photo, Penn State head coach Joe Paterno walks on the field before an NCAA college football game against Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa. Paterno is on the cusp of another milestone in his remarkable 45-year career. He can become the first FBS coach, and third overall, with 400 career wins if the Nittany Lions beat Northwestern on Saturday.

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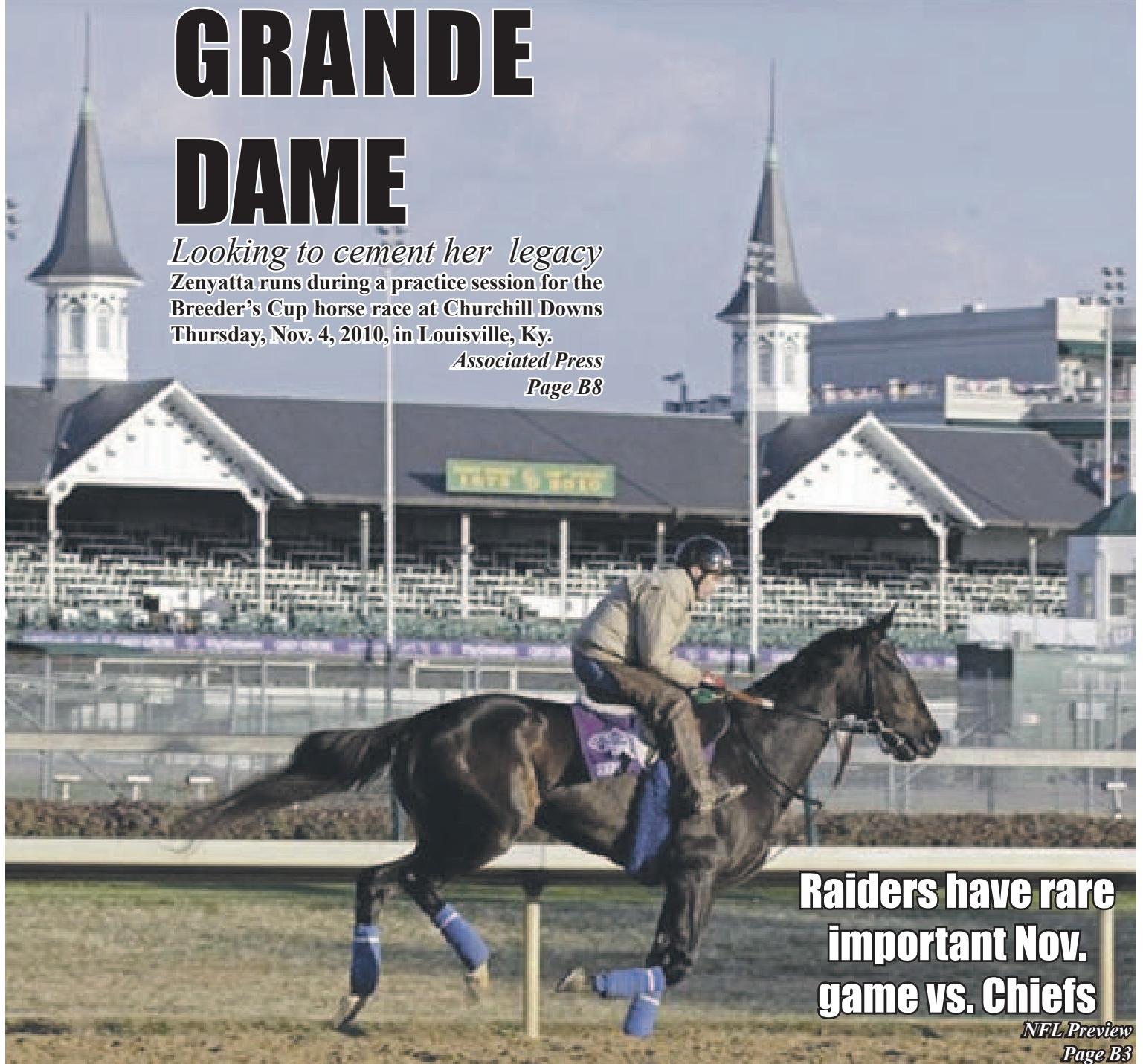
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Looking to cement her legacy

Zenyatta runs during a practice session for the Breeder's Cup horse race at Churchill Downs Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, in Louisville, Ky.

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NBA Roundup**Knicks on fire from deep, beat Bulls 120-112****Nuns sell rare baseball card for \$262,000**

BEN NUCKOLS

Associated Press

BALTIMORE (AP) — A rare baseball card that was bequeathed to an order of Roman Catholic nuns has sold at auction for \$262,000.

The Baltimore-based School Sisters of Notre Dame put the Honus Wagner card up for sale after inheriting it from the brother of a deceased nun. The sale price exceeded the expectations of auctioneers at Dallas-based Heritage Auction Galleries.

The nuns will receive \$220,000 from the sale. The total sale price includes a 19.5 percent buyer's premium. Sister Virginia Muller, who was entrusted with the card, says the proceeds will go to the order's ministries in more than 30 countries around the world. Collector and card shop owner Doug Walton of Knoxville, Tennessee, bought the card.

About 60 of the T206 Honus Wagner cards, produced between 1909 and 1911, are known to exist. □

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CHICAGO (AP) — The New York Knicks sank 16 of 24 3-point attempts to beat the Chicago Bulls 120-112 in the NBA on Thursday.

It was an astounding improvement for a Knicks team that hit just 29.1 percent from outside the arc over the first three games.

Toney Douglas scored a career-high 30 points, including 5-of-9 3s, while Danilo Gallinari hit four 3s without a miss and finished with 24 points — all but three in the first half as the Knicks took a 21-point lead and went in at halftime leading 70-52.

New York Knicks' Toney Douglas (23) defends as the Chicago Bulls' Derrick Rose (1) drives to the basket during the second half of an NBA basketball game Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, in Chicago. The Knicks defeated the Bulls 120-112.

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Chicago was led by Derrick Rose, who had 24 points and 14 assists, but sat out the final 9:31.

Thunder 107, Trail Blazers 106, OT

In Portland, Kevin Durant and Russell Westbrook both had 28 points and 11 rebounds as Oklahoma City edged Portland in overtime.

LaMarcus Aldridge led the undermanned Trail Blazers with 22 points, while Brandon Roy had 19.

Roy missed two key jump shots at the end of regulation and the Blazers could never catch up after the Thunder pulled ahead in overtime.

James Harden gave the Thunder a 103-100 lead in the extra period with a layup and a free throw. Durant and Westbrook both made two free throws in the final 13 seconds to offset Armon Johnson's 3-pointer with 0.1 seconds left. □

AP Source: Auburn had no contact with Rogers

By JOHN ZENOR

AP Sports Writer

AUBURN, Ala. — Auburn has had "no contact whatsoever" with a man who allegedly tried to secure payment from Mississippi State during the recruitment of Tigers quarterback and Heisman Trophy hopeful Cam Newton, according to a person familiar with the situation.

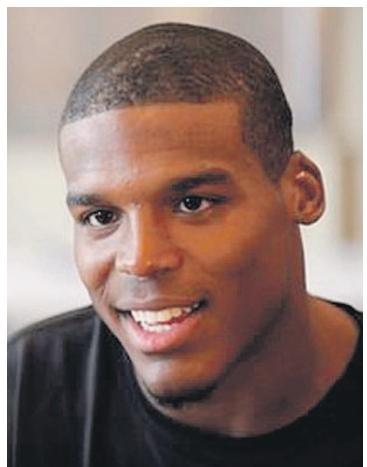
Newton also said Friday he has done nothing wrong.

The NCAA is reviewing the recruitment of Newton, but Auburn has not received a letter of inquiry, the person told The Associated Press on Friday on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to comment publicly.

"Cam's eligibility has at no point been in jeopardy," the person said. Newton, who will start for the third-ranked Tigers against Chattanooga on Saturday, denied any wrongdoing.

"I didn't do anything wrong," Newton said Friday before stepping on the bus to the team hotel to Montgomery. "I'm blessed to be at Auburn right now and I'm sure the smoke will settle."

Asked about how tough the past two days had been, Newton said: "It's been all right. I've had



FILE - This Aug. 3, 2010, file photo shows Auburn quarterback Cameron Newton during an interview in Auburn, Ala. A man who said he represented Auburn quarterback and Heisman hopeful Cameron Newton during his recruitment out of junior college last year asked for payment to secure his commitment to Mississippi State, according to former MSU player John Bond.

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worse days, but God continues to bless me throughout this process, me and my family and most importantly the team."

Newton, who started his career at Florida, has been one of college football's biggest sensations since transferring from Blinn Junior College in Texas. □

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NFL Preview

Raiders have rare important Nov. game vs. Chiefs

NEW YORK (AP) — The Oakland Raiders and Kansas City Chiefs are usually thinking about their offseason plans when the calendar has turned to November. Not this year. With both NFL teams on the rise, Kansas City is 5-2 atop the AFC West division, and Oakland is 4-4 after winning three of its last four games. When they meet on Sunday, it will be the first time neither has a losing record since 2002. It also could be fierce and memorable, like the old days of a rivalry the Chiefs lead 54-2-46.

"It's a totally different atmosphere in here," said linebacker Sam Williams, who has been with the Raiders through seven years of losing. "It's a great feeling because we know we have something to play for, we know we're a good team, and the sky's the limit."

The Raiders-Chiefs rivalry used to be one of the league's most spiteful. Both needed to go through the other to championships in the 1960s and 70s and produced legions of Hall of Fame players.

Both teams have built their success in similar fashion, relying on a potent running game with many options. Kansas City leads the NFL in rushing behind a pair of backs on pace for 1,000-yard seasons in Jamaal Charles and Thomas Jones. The Raiders are second

in rushing behind a breakthrough season from Darren McFadden, who leads the league with 111.3 yards per game on the ground.

The teams are vastly improved on defense, too. But Raiders star cornerback Nnamdi Asomugha has a sprained right ankle, which could be pivotal. Whether Asomugha plays or not, the Raiders' Black Hole fan section in the Coliseum will be rocking, just like old times. But the Chiefs have won each of their last seven visits.

The surprising Tampa Bay Buccaneers visit the Atlanta Falcons in a showdown for the NFC South lead, with both teams on identical 5-2 records.

Last year, Tampa Bay won just three times. Now, the rapid development of quarterback Josh Freeman, his offensive line and receivers — Mike Williams could be the top offensive rookie — and a big-play defense have made the Buccaneers look legit.

So legit that coach Raheem Morris proclaimed them the best team in the NFC.

"Those are things you have to do to get a young team to believe in itself and believe in the coach," said Falcons cornerback Dunta Robinson, who expects to return from a concussion sustained in a brutal collision with Philadelphia receiver DeSean Jackson on Oct. 17. "They've still



got to come into our house. They've still got to beat us. We feel like we're the best team.

I guess we'll see on Sunday. Someone is walking out of here 6-2. We think it's going to be us."

The Philadelphia Eagles love games following a bye: They're 11-0 under coach Andy Reid. But that streak will be tested by the visiting Indianapolis Colts and quarterback Peyton Manning, starting his 200th straight game. The four-time league MVP showed on Monday against Houston that he can tear apart any defense — even when the unheralded Jacob Tamme and Mike Hart are

his main receivers.

The Eagles also must be wary of the Colts' revived pass rush thanks to the quick bursts of Dwight Freeney, Robert Mathis and Clint Sessions. With elusive Michael Vick back at quarterback, that challenge is lessened a bit. The more frequent flyer miles the Miami Dolphins get when they travel away from South Beach, the better: Miami is 4-0 on the road, 0-3 at home. Keeping such a contradictory streak going against the Baltimore Ravens will be difficult if Miami doesn't get production through the air because running on the Ravens is a tough chore.

Baltimore is rested after not playing last week, which gave safety Ed Reed more time to get sharp and could make linebacker Ray Lewis even more unblockable.

Also on Sunday, it's San Diego at Houston; the New York Giants at Seattle; Arizona at Minnesota; Dallas at Green Bay; Chicago vs. Buffalo in Toronto; New Orleans at Carolina; the New York Jets at Detroit; and New England at Cleveland.

On Monday, Pittsburgh visits Cincinnati. Off this week are Tennessee, Washington, St. Louis, San Francisco, Denver and Jacksonville. □

Molinari clings to lead from Westwood at HSBC

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

SHANGHAI (AP) — In his first tournament at No. 1 in the world and having played only one tournament in three months, Lee Westwood could be satisfied with being a shot behind leader Francesco Molinari entering the weekend at the HSBC Champions.

Molinari built a big lead early before stumbling to a couple of bogeys, then held on for a 2-under 70 that gave him a two-round total of 9-under 135 in the World Golf Championship.

Sheshan International is not particularly suited to the Italian's game because it's long and he's not. But he

found his way around to take the limelight from four players fighting out the No. 1 ranking. Ernie Els got a small measure of redemption on the 18th hole at Sheshan International and finished with a birdie for a 7-under 65, putting him among those two shots behind. Tiger Woods remains in the mix, although not nearly close as he would like. Woods struggled with his swing and on the greens, so frustrated at the end of his round that he kicked his driver after a poor shot on the 18th. He still managed a 72, and will go into the weekend five shots off the lead.

"My score could have been worse," Woods said. "But



Francesco Molinari of Italy hits the ball from the fairway at the 14th hole during the second round of the HSBC Champions golf tournament at the Shanghai Sheshan International Golf Club Friday, Nov. 5, 2010 in Shanghai, China. Molinari finished the second day as the leader with the score of 9 under.

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it also could have been a lot better."

Defending champion Phil Mickelson had a 71 and was at 4-under 140, while Martin Kaymer had a 69 and was another shot behind.

With all the attention on the "Big Four" in Shanghai — Westwood, Woods, Kaymer and Mickelson all have a chance to go to No. 1 this week — Molinari keeps plodding along.

"It's really exciting for everyone watching that one of the four guys could be No. 1 in the world at the end of the week," Molinari said. "But for us, it doesn't really make a difference."

We play together with them, against them, pretty much week in and week out. So everyone is really just focusing on improving his ranking rather than seeing who is going to be on top." Westwood made sure he stayed very close.

He was rarely under much stress, except for one tee shot that bounded into the trees along the left side of the 11th fairway that led to his lone bogey. But he bounced back with birdies on the par-5 14th, and by hitting a driver onto and just over the 288-yard 16th for another simple birdie. Westwood was poised to catch Molinari at the end, with a

tee shot in the fairway on the par-5 18th and a decision to make. With the pin cut toward the front in a small collection area, caddie Billy Foster recommended that he lay up and have a full shot into the green.

Westwood decided to go for the green with a 5-wood, and wound up left of the green and in an impossible spot. His chip ran through the green, and he had to settle for par.

"That flag, when it's on the front, is normally not as close to the slope as it was today," Westwood said. "It's normally further across on the right-hand side, so you've got a little bit more room to play. That's why you shouldn't play golf by memory."

As for the rest of the game, there were few complaints.

"Everything is pretty competitive in my game," Westwood said. "It's a good performance the first two rounds to come back to. Like I said, I didn't know what to expect, and I'm pleasantly surprised with how well I've played."

Els was joined at 7-under 137 with Richie Ramsay of Scotland and Jaco Van Zyl of South Africa, who shot 29 on his back nine.

A year ago, Els had a chance to shoot 61 in the final round and win the tournament. He had a downhill lie in the 18th

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Kings stay unbeaten at home, beat Lightning

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Los Angeles Kings remain unbeaten at home this season after a 1-0 win over the Tampa Bay Lightning in the NHL on Thursday.

The Kings remained atop the overall standings thanks to five wins from five home games.

NHL Roundup Goaltender Jonathan Quick made 24 saves in his ninth career shutout, while Justin Williams scored the sole goal with 14:40 to play.

Los Angeles beat Tampa Bay at home for just the second time in franchise history.

After two scoreless, tight-checking periods, Williams broke through. He had trouble controlling the puck and did a full spin in front of Lightning goalie Mike Smith before scoring in his fourth consecutive game.

Flyers 4, Rangers 1

In Philadelphia, former Rangers Blair Betts and Nikolay Zherdev scored for Philadelphia in a win over New York.

Mike Richards and Chris Pronger added power-play goals for Philadelphia which extended its season-best winning streak to five games. It was the first meeting between the teams since Philadelphia had a shootout win that sent the Flyers into the playoffs last season, when they went all the way to the

Stanley Cup finals. Brandon Dubinsky scored for New York, to take his team-leading total to eight goals in 12 games.

In Atlanta, Mathieu Garon stopped 25 shots for his second straight shutout, helping Columbus defeat Atlanta.

Derick Brassard scored for the fifth time in six games, on a snap shot early in the second period. Brassard, who had only nine goals in 79 games last season, also had an assist when Marc Methot scored midway through the third period for a 2-0 lead. R.J. Umberger added an empty-netter.

Attendance was a Thrashers record-low 8,461.

Atlanta, which was second-highest scoring team entering the game, was shut out for the first time this season.

Canucks 3, Avalanche 1

In Denver, Calgary made it five straight wins by downing Colorado.

Backup goalie Cory Schneider stopped 33 shots, while Ryan Kesler, Henrik Sedin and Raffi Torres all scored on power-play goals for Vancouver.

Colorado's David Van Der Gulik scored his first NHL goal late in the game.

The Canucks gave starter Roberto Luongo the night off, starting Schneider for the first time in nearly two

weeks. Schneider hardly looked rusty, shutting down the top-scoring team in the league.

In St. Louis, David Perron recovered from an elbow to the head, scoring the second goal as St. Louis downed San Jose.

San Jose's Joe Thornton drew a five-minute major penalty and game misconduct for head contact on Perron in a mid-ice check early in the second period which sent the Blues player sprawling to the ice.

Perron scored late in the second period after Matt D'Agostini opened the scoring in the first — his fifth of the season.

The Blues extended their franchise record to 12 wins in a row at home. Most of last season, St. Louis had one of the worst home records in the NHL.

In Ottawa, the hosts handed New York its sixth straight loss.

Ottawa's Jason Spezza, held without a point in his first two games back from a groin injury, set up goals by defensemen Sergei Gonchar and David Hale before scoring his second of the season to put Ottawa up by three early in the second.

He got his third assist when Chris Kelly scored a late empty netter.

Matt Moulson scored for the



Tampa Bay Lightning right wing Martin St. Louis gets set to shoot the puck at Los Angeles Kings goalie Jonathan Quick during the first period of an NHL hockey game, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, in Los Angeles.

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Islanders in the third. New York has been outscored 20-5 in its past four games.

In other NHL games it was Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Rangers 1; Columbus 3,

Atlanta 0;

Ottawa 4, N.Y. Islanders 1; St. Louis 2, San Jose 0;

Vancouver 3, Colorado 1; and Los Angeles 1, Tampa Bay 0. □

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"Joe is going to reach a goal that I wanted to reach," former Florida State coach and fellow Hall of Famer Bobby Bowden said in a phone interview Thursday from his Florida home. "I'm pulling for Joe to make it. There's a lot of pressure on this game. Everybody's expecting him to get his 400th win in this game."

Bowden at one time was locked in a duel with Paterno for the most wins among major college coaches before a messy split with school administrators had Bowden leaving as Seminoles coach after the 2009 season following 34 years.

Nowadays, Bowden is busy promoting his new book, "Called to Coach," in which good friend Paterno wrote a foreword. Bowden finished with 389 wins, though 12 were vacated by Florida State following an academic cheating scandal.

After Paterno, only Eddie Robinson (408) at Grambling State of the FCS and John Gagliardi (476) at St. John's, Minn., have more victories among coaches in all NCAA levels. Like Paterno, Gagliardi is still active, in his 62nd year overall, and 58th at his Division III school.

Bowden doesn't think anyone else will stick around as long to get the chance to accumulate so many wins.

"Not likely. It doesn't seem to be the style nowadays," said Bowden, citing reasons including high salaries and the pressure that comes with the big paycheck, as well as the allure of professional coaching. "And there doesn't seem to be the desire to stay in it as long as Joe and I have had."

Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald doesn't think he'll still be coaching in his mid-80s. But he does admire the way Paterno has run his program, stressing academics as well as athletics.

The most recent NCAA analysis found Penn State had a graduation rate of 84 percent, 17 points above the FBS average and second in the Big Ten only to Northwestern (95 percent). "Coach Paterno is college football. Anyone that has the role of head coach aspires to run the type of

program he has run for 45 years. It starts off the field," Fitzgerald said. "You look at his success on the field it's incredible. Anyone in my role would like to emulate that success."

With one exception for Fitzgerald: Saturday.

Boasting the second-best passing attack in the Big Ten, Northwestern can be a handful led by quarterback and Bethlehem, Pa., native Dan Persa. Fitzgerald said this week that Persa was on schedule to play after suffering a concussion during last week's win at Indiana.

Persa ranks 12th nationally in total offense, accounting for almost 303 yards per game, but his coach values him especially for his stoic leadership.

"If guys aren't enthusiastic, I don't give them pom-poms and ask them to be cheerleaders," he said. "He's a guy who's really focused and determined to help our team win, and I don't see any negative in that."

Penn State has its own quarterback questions after Paterno said Rob Bolden and Matt McGloin would compete for the starting job against the Wildcats. Bolden missed last week's game over Michigan after recovering from a concussion, and McGloin threw 250 yards and a score in the win. Paterno has said Bolden is feeling much better, but that he wanted to put his freshman through a full week of practice before deciding whether he should regain his starting job.

Not surprisingly, Paterno hadn't mentioned the milestone during drills.

"Just normal Joe, making fun, making his laughs, trying to relax tensions," linebacker Bani Gbadyu said. "He hasn't brought up anything with the 400 wins, but everyone knows what it would mean for him, what it would mean for the program." □

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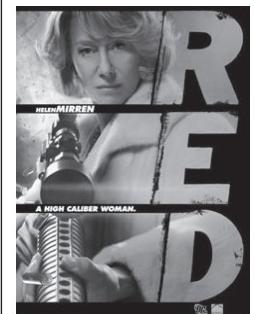
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Federer, Roddick to meet in Swiss Indoors semis

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BASEL, Switzerland (AP)

— Roger Federer will face Andy Roddick for the first time since their epic 2009 Wimbledon final after both advanced to the semifinals of the Swiss Indoors.

The top-seeded Swiss and No. 4 Roddick set up the rematch by sweeping through their quarterfinals in straight sets on Friday.

Federer eased past Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-2 in an hour and the American rode his big serve in a 6-4, 6-4 victory against Argentina's David Nalbandian.

More than 16 months after a classic, 4-hour, 16-minute encounter ended with Federer taking the fifth set 16-14, Roddick pretended to have forgotten all about it.

"What final?" he deadpanned to reporters, before acknowledging he relished the fresh challenge.

"I always look forward to playing (Roger)," said Roddick, who hit 11 aces in his win. "You want to play the best if you are an athlete and a competitor. You want to get out there and give it a go."

Federer said his 19-2 career record against Roddick was not a fair reflection of their rivalry.

"He is much better than the

head-to-head record shows. We've had a lot of close matches," Federer said.

In the other semifinal, Novak Djokovic and Serbian teammate Viktor Troicki will have to set aside their focus on the Davis Cup final to play each other after both advanced with straight-set victories.

Djokovic eased past 67th-ranked qualifier Robin Haase of the Netherlands 6-2, 6-3, after Troicki beat Frenchman Richard Gasquet 6-4, 6-2.

Troicki could face Gasquet again when Serbia hosts France in the Davis Cup final next month in Belgrade. Djokovic said he is already focused on the "chance of a lifetime" to win the title in front of the home fans.

"It's the priority goal for the end of the year, to win that title," Djokovic said. "God knows if we are going to have another opportunity to play in the finals, especially at home. We have a quality team and if we all stay healthy and physically ready we have a chance to go the next step."

Serbia hosts France in the 17,000-capacity indoor Belgrade Arena on Dec. 3-5. While Djokovic is the undisputed team leader, Troicki is using his performance in Basel to make a case for the second singles selection.

"Viktor is playing the best

United States' Andy Roddick returns a ball to Kazakhstan's Andrey Golubev during their round of sixteen match at the Davidoff Swiss Indoors tennis tournament at the St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland, Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010.

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tennis of his life," said the second-seeded Djokovic, who is the defending champion in Basel.

Troicki has played some of the best tennis of his career since Serbia reached the final by beating the Czech Republic in September, winning in Moscow and reaching the semifinals in Tokyo.

"Now it's interesting to play against French players. There's a little bit more tension," the 24-year-old Troicki said. "That is what is keeping me going and motivated."

The 32nd-ranked Troicki will compete for singles duty in Belgrade with No. 46 Janko Tipsarevic.

Tipsarevic was courtside on Friday, returning the favor after Troicki attended his second-round loss against Roger Federer on Wednesday. "This is our biggest strength — we have really good team spirit," Troicki said. "We are good friends and not just during tournaments." □

North Korea banned 2 years for age falsification

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — North Korean gymnasts will miss the 2012 London Olympics under a two-year international suspension for age falsification.

The International Gymnastics Federation ruled that Hong Su Jong listed three different birthdates in registering for international competitions from 2003 until this year — meaning she would have been too young to compete in the 2004 Athens Olympics.

The federation said Friday it was effectively banning North Korea from any competition outside its borders until Oct. 5, 2012.

The FIG began investigating Hong after she entered last month's world championships using the third different birth date of her career. She listed her birth year as 1989, but the FIG said it found documents showing she had competed at the 2004 Games and the 2006 worlds using a birth year of 1985. She won the silver medal on vault at the 2007 worlds listing 1986 as her birth year.

If Hong was born in 1989, she would have been either 14 or 15 and therefore ineligible to

compete in Athens. Gymnasts must turn at least 16 in the calendar year of an Olympics to be eligible.

Age falsification has been a problem in gymnastics since the 1980s, when the minimum age was raised from 14 to 15 to help protect still-developing athletes from serious injuries. The minimum age has been 16 since 1997. The FIG requires all gymnasts who represent their countries at most international meets to have a license that proves their age for their entire career.

"The FIG's decision is a clear signal to those who would willfully disregard the current rules surrounding gymnast age," the FIG said in a statement. "The health of its athletes and respect for the law are among the International Gymnastics Federation's highest priorities." This is the second time North Korea has been punished for age falsification. The federation was banned from the 1993 world championships after the FIG discovered that Kim Gwang Suk, the 1991 gold medalist on uneven bars, was listed as 15 for three years in a row. □



Injured Nadal pulls out of Paris Masters

PARIS (AP) — Top-ranked Rafael Nadal withdrew from the Paris Masters on Friday because of a shoulder injury that will keep him sidelined for at least a week.

Nadal said in an e-mail sent out by his management team that he was suffering from "a small case of tendinitis in my left shoulder which came about through forcing my serve too much during training this week."

"I am very sorry not to be able to play the Paris-Bercy tournament this year," Nadal said.

The Spaniard said the injury wasn't serious, but that he had been advised by doctors that he needed six or seven days rest with intensive rehabilitation treatment. Nadal is scheduled to play in the season-ending ATP World Tour Finals in London between Nov. 21-28. The ATP tour said Nadal would still make an appearance at the Paris tournament and would discuss his injury further at a news conference in Paris on Sunday or Monday.

"It's always a blow for a tournament to lose Nadal," tournament director Jean-Francois Caujolle said. "But we still have nine of the 10 best players in the world and I don't think the tournament has been hampered by his withdrawal, even though it



Rafael Nadal of Spain waves to the spectators as he leaves the court after he lost to Jurgen Melzer of Austria in their men's singles third round match of the Shanghai Masters tennis tournament in Shanghai, China, Thursday, Oct. 14, 2010. Melzer upset Nadal 6-1, 3-6, 6-3.

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would have been better to have him."

Nadal recently said he was feeling some fatigue from a successful season in which he won the French Open, Wimbledon and the U.S. Open.

Nadal has not played since a third-round defeat to Jurgen Melzer at the Shanghai Masters on Oct. 14.

With Nadal's withdrawal, Roger Federer has been given the No. 1 seed and will start against the winner between Nicolas Mahut and Richard Gasquet. □

Zenyatta looks to cement legacy in Breeders Cup Classic

By WILL GRAVES

AP Sports Writer

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — John Shirreffs looked up at the majestic replica of Secretariat's U.S. postage stamp looming behind him and adjusted his cap.

Big Red and his trademark checkered blue blinkers stared right back down, a larger than life reminder of the legend Shirreffs and superstar mare Zenyatta are chasing.

The unbeaten 6-year-old has become arguably the sport's most transcendent figure since Secretariat won the Triple Crown in 1973, her 19-0 record giving the industry a much-needed shot of adrenaline.

But there is more on the line in Saturday's \$5 million Breeders' Cup Classic than Zenyatta's pursuit of perfection. Her place in history also could depend on whether she can beat another talented field to the finish line one more time.

She's already one of the greatest females in the sport's history. Whether she needs to reach the winner's circle under the lights on Saturday night at Churchill Downs to enter the pantheon reserved for the likes of Secretariat, even Shirreffs doesn't know. "Somebody else will have to make that decision," he said. One more brilliant stretch run by the massive dark bay could erase any lingering doubts.

And there are doubts. All but two of her victories have come on the synthetic tracks back home in California. She's only beaten the boys once, when she roared past Gio Ponti in the final yards to become the first mare to win the Classic a year ago. Her 2010 campaign has been flawless, but her five wins this year have come against fields comprised largely of unimpressive fillies and mares.

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert, who will send out Preakness champion Lookin At Lucky in the Classic, is in



Zenyatta is seen in her stall before a training session in preparation for the Breeder's Cup horse race at Churchill Downs Thursday, Nov. 4, 2010, in Louisville, Ky.

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awe of Zenyatta and grateful for what she's done for racing. He also understands the argument against her.

"She has to win here on the dirt," he said. "Last year she was phenomenal, but she did it on a synthetic track. There's always going to be that question mark."

It's a question Zenyatta can answer one ground-swallowing stride at a time. Shirreffs believes the dirt won't be a problem. Her two largest margins of victory came in the Apple Blossom on the real stuff at Oaklawn Park.

She's looked right at home at Churchill since arriving on Tuesday with the type of fanfare normally reserved for visiting heads of state. Her daily trips from the barn to the track for a light jog look like something out of a movie star's nightmare, with a mass of cameras swimming around her as Shirreffs gently leads the way.

Not that it bothers her. Nothing really does.

Jockey Mike Smith calls her "the ultimate entertainer," and she's determined to give her fans a show. She prances. She preens. She poses.

"No one tells her to," Smith said. "She just does it by herself."

Her charisma and dominance have given horse racing a figure to rally behind. She's become a part of the national conversation during her remarkable run, making headlines with her brilliance in a sport overshadowed by drugs and tragedy in recent years.

Shirreffs claims the only thing in her system beside hay, oats and water is the occasional Guinness.

"I think she's brought the sport back and is carrying it on her back right now," Smith said. "She's big enough to handle it."

Saturday's race will almost certainly be her toughest. Zenyatta will start from the No. 8 post in the 1 1/4-mile

Classic and is the solid 8-5 favorite in one of the deepest

Classic fields in recent memory.

Shirreffs' competitors respect her. They don't necessarily fear her.

Trainer Al Stall Jr., who will send out 9-2 second choice Blame, calls Zenyatta "beatable." Todd Pletcher, who will saddle Donn Handicap winner Quality Road, considers Zenyatta one of the greats. That doesn't mean he thinks she's the best horse in the world this year.

While Shirreffs argues Zenyatta deserves Horse of the Year no matter what happens in the Classic because of what she's done for the sport, Pletcher disagrees.

"This is Horse of the Year 2010, so any accomplishments you have in 2009 don't count," Pletcher said. "This is about 2010 and here it is, all on the line."

Though Shirreffs believes Zenyatta's legacy is secure regardless of the outcome,

he's also aware of the unique opportunity at hand.

She is racing's biggest crossover star and an unlikely success story. Owners Jerry and Ann Moss purchased her for a relatively modest \$60,000 five years ago, then allowed her to grow at her own pace.

Shirreffs didn't send his gangly pupil out to the track until she was 3, and she began building her reputation as one of racing's greatest closers one heart-stopping race at a time.

Slowly the wins piled up. Ask Shirreffs if there's ever been a time over the last three years in which he thought she'd dug herself a hole she couldn't climb out of and he just laughs.

"Plenty of times," he said.

Yet she comes through. Always. Shirreffs doesn't know where her tenacious drive comes from and is too humble to take the credit. He knows she's more than a star, she's a symbol of what is possible.

"She represents overcoming obstacles," he said.

There's one more standing in the way of perfection. Her final act may be her greatest challenge. One last mad dash to the wire would silence what few critics remain and elevate her into something more than a champion.

"I think it will stamp her," Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas said. "If she whips them twice in a row in the Classic, I would have to say you'd have to mention her with the Spectacular Bids and Secretariats."

Secretariat owner Penny Chenery is rooting for her. So is the rest of the industry. Baffert admits he'll likely have mixed emotions if Lookin At Lucky spoils the fairy tale ending.

Not Shirreffs. His big girl has done enough.

"It's not the end of the world (if she loses)," he said. "Giving her the opportunity to achieve something that seems almost unattainable is more important." □



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Swiss man performs aerial loops with jet wings

By ANTHONY LAURENT,
Associated Press

BERCHER, Switzerland — Swiss adventurer Yves Rossy jumped from a hot-air balloon Friday and completed two aerial loops using just his custom-made jet-propelled wingsuit — the first time such maneuvers have been performed. It was just the latest daredevil stunt by the former fighter pilot who hopes one day to fly through the Grand Canyon.

Rossy, 51, launched himself from a replica of the Breitling Orbiter — the first balloon to be piloted nonstop around the world in 1999 — at an altitude of 7,874 feet (2,400 meters) near Lake Geneva. Then he fired up the jets on his new

— smaller and sleeker — wingsuit to perform the loopings before landing safely with a parachute. Rossy declared himself “very happy and satisfied” with Friday’s stunt, which comes two years after his first successful flights over the nearby Swiss Alps.

The extreme sports enthusiast has since flown across the English Channel and last year tried to cross the Strait of Gibraltar from Morocco to Spain.

That attempt ended in failure when Rossy ditched in the sea due to strong turbulence.

Rossy said he is still hoping to fly through the Grand Canyon in Arizona, but is waiting for permission from U.S. authorities. □



Swiss pilot Yves Rossy, the first man in the world to fly under a jet-fitted wing, speeds through the air to perform a looping in Bercher, western Switzerland, Friday, Nov 5, 2010. Rossy has completed two aerial loops using his custom-made jet-propelled wingsuit. Rossy jumped from a hot-air balloon above Lake Geneva and performed the daredevil stunt before landing safely with a parachute.

(AP Photo/Keystone, Laurent Gillieron, pool)

EU wants tighter online privacy

not only for technology firms but also for many online news sites and blogs.

“People should be able to give their informed consent to the processing of their personal data,” the European Commission said Thursday in a new strategy paper.

It also wants users to be able to modify and delete any information that has been collected, giving them “a right to be forgotten.”

Thursday’s strategy paper will form the basis for an overhaul of the EU’s 15-year-old laws on data protection scheduled for next year. It is open for public consultation until January, and the commission aims to propose legislation by mid-2011. Any new laws would have to be approved by the European Parliament and national governments.

Tracking an individual’s search history to target online advertising is a key revenue source for companies such as Yahoo! Inc. and Google.

Other firms use cookies — small files placed on a user’s computer — or pop-up windows to track the websites a user has visited in the past or the books and clothing he has bought online.

The more closely ads can be linked to a user’s interests, the more likely they are to be successful.

But privacy watchdogs have raised concerns over whether

this information can be linked to an individual’s name or address, what it could be used for, and how long it can be stored.

Technological advances and the many players involved in so-called behavioral advertising “make it difficult for an individual to know and understand if personal data are being collected, by whom, and for what purpose,” the commission says in its strategy.

Websites should be more transparent about who is collecting data, and why, and how Internet users can “access, rectify or delete their data,” it adds.

However, Thursday’s document doesn’t say whether the EU intends to require users to specifically “opt in” to having their data collected, or whether it is enough to allow them to “opt out.”

Another key question will be how prominently websites have to display any opt-out buttons or links and how complicated the process could be. Google, for instance, already has a small “Privacy” link on its homepage, through which users can edit or clear their Web history.

As it stands right now, the commission’s strategy looks “ambitious,” said Wim Nauwelaerts, a counsel at Brussels-based law firm Hunton & Williams who has

advised several technology firms on privacy issues.

“The EU’s data protection framework already had the reputation of being one of the most stringent out there,” said Nauwelaerts. “And this only reinforces it.”

Google and its big rivals say they never link an individual’s data to his name or address and that they don’t collect information on sensitive issues such as health or sexual orientation.

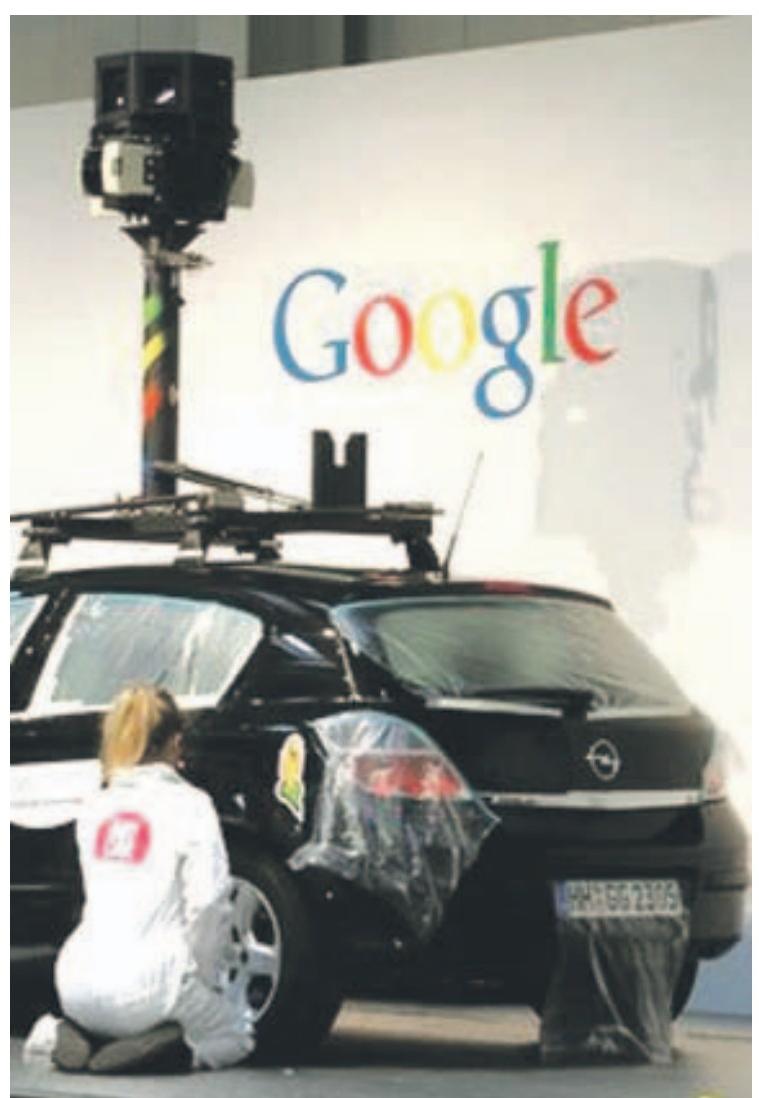
Google has come under fire after vans collecting data for its StreetView application also scooped up sensitive information from unprotected wireless networks.

Facebook last month acknowledged that 10 of its most popular “apps” transmitted information about its users to advertisers and data-gathering firms.

Google declined to comment on Thursday’s strategy paper, saying it was too early in the process. Facebook and Microsoft Corp., which runs search engine Bing, didn’t respond to requests for comment.

In the U.S., several proposals by lawmakers to tighten data protection laws have failed to gain much traction in Congress.

But privacy experts said they were encouraged by the EU’s push to strengthen online privacy laws. □



FILE - In this March 2, 2010 file photo, a woman decorates a camera car of Google at the CeBIT in Hannover, northern Germany. British authorities say Google breached data protection laws when its Street View mapping service scooped up data from private wireless networks.

(AP Photo/Joerg Sarbach, File)

By GABRIELE STEINHAUSER,
AP Business Writer

BRUSSELS — The European Union wants companies such as Google Inc. or Facebook Inc. to give people more control over how their online habits are tracked,

requirements that could crimp Internet firms’ ability to target advertising.

Internet companies, privacy activists and the EU’s executive commission are likely to wrestle over the specifics of the rules, which cut to the heart of funding models

Michael Jackson new album vocals genuine, Sony says



Visitors watch a video of a performance at the Michael Jackson exhibit in the Grammy Museum in Los Angeles in this July 3, 2009 file photo.

By Jill Serjeant

LOS ANGELES — Sony Music on Friday released a brief "teaser" of a new Michael Jackson single and insisted that the vocals on an upcoming new album were

genuinely those of the late "Thriller" singer. But controversy over the December album release of "Michael" was stoked by a representative of Jackson's father Joe, who said the

perfectionist performer would never have wanted his unfinished material to be released.

A short clip on the official michaeljackson.com web site for "Breaking News" -- a song that Jackson is said to have recorded in 2007 -- consisted of TV news soundbites on Jackson's June 2009 death, followed by a faint scream of less than two seconds.

The full song will be released on Monday. The new album "Michael" will be released December 14.

"Michael" is the latest commercial venture by Jackson's official estate and the first album of new material from the singer since his "Invincible" album in 2001.

Sony has declined to say how much production work was done on the album after Jackson's sudden death from a prescription drug overdose, or how many tracks it contains. "If Michael had wanted this music released he would have done so before his death,"

Brian Oxman, a lawyer for Joe Jackson, said in a statement on Friday.

"The songs which are being released on the new Michael Jackson album were unfinished and incomplete tracks that Michael said over and over many times he never wanted released. We should honor Michael Jackson's wishes," Oxman added.

Earlier this week, celebrity website TMZ.com said that Jackson's mother Katherine, and his two eldest children, Prince and Paris, believe that the voice on some of the album tracks is not Michael's. But a spokeswoman for Sony's Epic Records said on Friday that the label has "complete confidence in the results of our extensive research as well as the accounts of those who were in the studio with Michael that the vocals on the new album are his own."

The Jackson family's misgivings follow an embarrassing debacle last year when "This Is It," a

new Jackson single touted as his first posthumous release, turned out to have been first recorded 18 years earlier under a different title by an obscure Puerto Rican singer. Sony said "Breaking News" was recorded by Jackson at a friend's place in New Jersey in 2007 and "recently brought to completion."

Other tracks were recorded at studios in Las Vegas and Los Angeles with various unidentified collaborators, Sony Music said. At the time of his death, Jackson was reported to be working with hitmakers like R&B star Akon and Lady Gaga collaborator RedOne.

The executors of Jackson's estate have sanctioned a number of projects to pay off the singer's debts and to provide for his mother and children. They include a Jackson-themed Cirque du Soleil tour that will open in Montreal next October, and a dance videogame due in stores later this month. □



FILE - In this Oct. 5, 2010 file photo, a building-sized banner covers the front of the Foxwoods Theater on 42nd street in New York, where preparations are underway for the opening of Spider-Man, the most expensive show in Broadway history. Producers of 'Spider-Man Turn Off the Dark' are delaying by three weeks the opening of the costly and complicated show, meaning it will only be available for previews after the busy Thanksgiving holiday. Originally scheduled to begin previews on Nov. 14 with an opening four days before Christmas, the show will now begin previews on Nov. 28 and open Jan. 11.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens, File)

Spider-Man musical delays its opening on Broadway

NEW YORK — Spider-Man is having trouble getting off the ground on Broadway.

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Lead producer Michael Cohl says "getting it right takes time," citing an "unprecedented level of technical artistry" for the delay.

It's the latest blow for the Julie Taymor-led show that features music by U2's Bono and The Edge. Delays have cropped up and producers have come and gone. Two actors have been injured while practicing aerial stunts. □

New series shows family hurting financially

By DAVID BAUDER,

AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — Pawnbrokers, hoarders and cake bakers are unlikely subjects for popular reality series. Could families hit hard by the recession be next?

The WE television network on Saturday premieres "Downsized," an eight-episode series about the blended family of Laura and Todd Bruce who are struggling financially following the collapse of Todd's construction business. Bruce used to take in \$1.5 million a year. But in the first episode, he's shown emptying a bottle of change and his kids are shown dumpster-diving and selling a favorite baseball mitt to pay the month's rent. "It's the face of the economic issue of our times," said John Miller, chief programming executive at the women-centered WE network.

One of WE's competitors, Lifetime, last week began airing "The Fairy Jobmother," about a supernanny-like consultant who tries to shape up jobless families.



In this undated publicity image released by WeTV, Laura Bruce, right, gets a haircut from her daughter Whitney in a scene from the reality series, 'Downsized,' an eight-episode series about a blended family from outside Phoenix, Ariz., that is struggling financially following the collapse of Todd's construction business. The program premieres, Saturday, Nov. 6, 2010, on WeTV.

(AP Photo/WeTV, Rahoul Ghose)

Recession TV is a trend that can cut both ways. People with their own financial troubles may appreciate seeing others go through the same things, making them feel less alone or stigmatized.

Yet it can be excruciating to watch the wounded pride on Bruce's face as he tells his wife not to borrow money from her father, or the shame of his 17-year-old daughter who tries to buy groceries and is told at the checkout that the

family's public benefits had run out.

The Bruces have been married five years and have seven children from previous marriages. They live outside Phoenix. They lived well when construction was booming, frequently eating out, and didn't react quickly when tougher times came. Bruce racked up credit card debt trying to keep up and pay employees when the work went away. □

BUSINESS**Aruba TODAY****Stocks barely budge despite jump in job creation**

By SETH SUTEL,
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — The best jobs report in five months wasn't enough to energize the stock market Friday. The Dow Jones industrial average barely budged as a five-day rally that brought the index to a pre-crisis high appeared to be petering out.

A poor profit report made Kraft Foods Inc. the worst-performing member of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow average. The huge food company said net income fell more than 8 percent last quarter as it spent more to promote its brands. Bank of America Corp. and JPMorgan

Chase & Co. rose sharply, bringing other financial shares along with them, on news that big banks may soon be able to raise their dividends.

The Dow Jones industrial average waffled between slight gains and losses Friday, and was down 30.57, or 0.3 percent, to 11,404.27 in afternoon trading.

The broader Standard & Poor's 500 index edged up 0.64, or 0.1 percent, to 1,221.70, and the Nasdaq composite index slipped 3.98, or 0.2 percent, to 2,573.36.

Treasury yields inched higher as investors trimmed their holdings of defensive investments. The yield on

the 10-year note rose to 2.53 percent from 2.47 percent late Thursday. The dollar rose against other currencies, and commodity prices mainly rose.

Stocks had been rallying this week as investors cheered a long-anticipated \$600 billion economic stimulus program that the Federal Reserve announced on Wednesday. The details of the plan were slightly more than many were expecting, and helped lead the Dow to a 220-point charge on Thursday. That brought the Dow to a level last seen in early September 2008, just before the peak of the financial crisis. □



In this Nov. 4, 2010 photo, traders work on the floor to the New York Stock Exchange, in New York.

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In this Nov. 4, 2010 photo, a sign turning away potential job-seekers is seen outside of a construction site in New Orleans. Employers added the most jobs in five months in October, with the education and health care sectors leading the way. But the unemployment rate, measured by a separate survey of households, refused to budge. It remained stuck at 9.6 percent for the third straight month.

(AP Photo/Patrick Semansky)

growth.

Still, the burst of hiring — 159,000 net jobs added by private employers — raised hopes that companies are finally emerging from the hiring stall seen during much of the summer.

The previous big spurt of job growth — a healthy 241,000 — came in April. Private companies have now added jobs for 10 straight months. That shows that recession-battered companies have

Hiring spurt in October eases jobs crisis a bit

regained some appetite to hire after slashing jobs for nearly two straight years in a row. While saying he was pleased with the improvement, President Barack Obama conceded the economy still isn't creating enough jobs for the nearly 15 million people out of work.

Offering an olive branch to the new Congress, which convenes in January, the president said he is "open to any idea, any proposal, any way we can get the economy growing faster so that people who need work can find it faster."

Earlier this week, voters angry over the jobs shortage handed control of the House to Republicans. The Senate stayed in Democrats' hands. The split will make it harder for Obama to enact any new major economic initiatives. There's little appetite among Republicans to provide a fresh dose of government spending to stimulate the economy. They warn against further swelling the nation's \$1.3 trillion budget deficit.

House Speaker-to-be John

Boehner of Ohio said the top of his to-do list is extending Bush-era tax cuts that expire at the end of the year and cutting government spending. "Our economy will ultimately recover, but it will do so because of hard work and entrepreneurship, not more of the same Washington spending sprees and job-killing policies the American people have repudiated so loudly and clearly," Boehner said after the latest employment figures were released.

When government job cuts — which totaled 8,000 last month — are factored in, the economy added 151,000 jobs in October, the Labor Department's report showed Friday. It marked the first increase in total payrolls in five months. All the momentum came from private companies. "Companies are starting to deploy their cash stash and increase hiring, as consumers are opening their wallets a little wider," said Sal Guatieri, economist at BMO Capital Markets Inc.

That all bodes well for helping energize the fragile economy. □

The Federal Reserve's announcement that it will buy \$600 billion in bonds, to lower interest rates and try to get Americans to spend more, might also give the economy a lift.

Even so, unemployment isn't expected to budge much this year. Economists think it could take until near the end of this decade to drop the jobless rate closer to a more normal 6 percent.

There were 14.8 million people unemployed in October. Adding those people to others who are working part time but would prefer full-time jobs and those who have given up looking for work, nearly 27 million are "underemployed." That's 17 percent of the labor force. It's down a bit from September's 17.1 percent because fewer people were forced into part-time jobs last month. Still, the new "underemployed" figure remains close to a record high set last year.

Economists say it would take up to 300,000 new jobs a month to reduce the unemployment rate significantly. □

By JEANNINE AVERSA

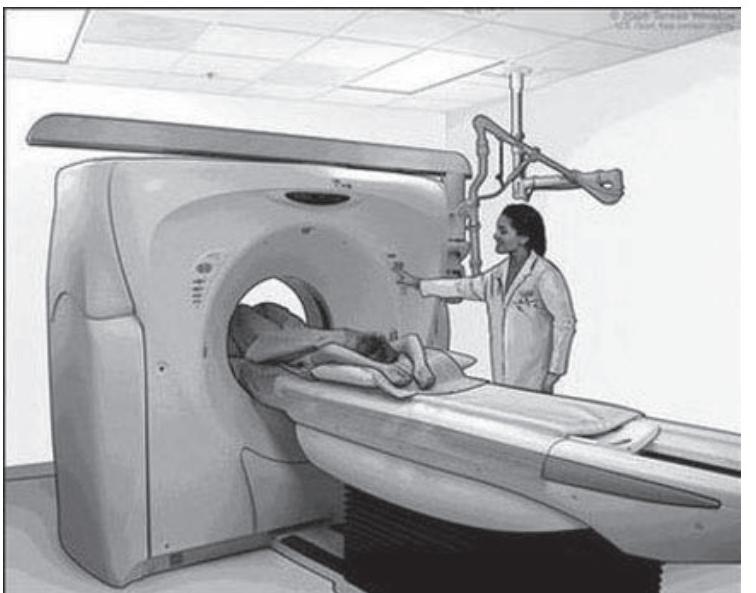
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WASHINGTON — The jobs crisis eased a bit in October as companies stepped up hiring, suggesting further gains ahead.

Hiring remains far too weak to drive down unemployment, now stuck at 9.6 percent. And the newly elected Congress will come under pressure to take steps to accelerate job

'Spiral' CT scans reduce smoker deaths: U.S. study



Computed tomography (CT) scan of the abdomen; drawing shows the patient on a table that slides through the CT machine, which takes x-ray pictures of the inside of the body.

By Maggie Fox,
WASHINGTON — Screening smokers and former smokers for lung tumors using three-dimensional X-rays reduced their risk of dying from lung cancer by 20 percent, researchers said on Thursday. The study sponsored by the U.S. National Cancer Institute is the first to show that people can be screened for lung cancer, akin to mammograms for breast cancer and tests for colon and prostate cancer.

"Nothing has ever shown a 20 percent decrease in mortality in this disease ever before. This is huge," said Regina Vidaver, executive director of the National Lung Cancer Partnership.

The researchers said their findings could save thousands of lives. Lung cancer kills 1.2 million people a year globally and it will kill 157,000 people in the United States alone this year, according to the American Cancer Society.

The trial of more than 53,000 current and former heavy smokers, aged 55 to 74, found the "spiral" CT scans apparently catch tumors before they have spread.

"To me this is a game changer," Vidaver said in a telephone interview. "We will have what breast cancer has now, which is a lot of survivors."

The researchers have some caveats. They do not know whether the radiation from the CT scans may raise the risk of cancer, and they do not know what the study means for light smokers, younger people, or those who have never smoked.

It is also possible the scans will turn up tumors that would never have killed the patients, and that some people will undergo unnecessary surgery if they are screened.

It is not clear when or how guidelines for lung cancer screening could be drawn up, and until they are, insurers including government programs such as Medicare are unlikely to pay the average \$300 cost of a scan.

For the study, the middle-aged and elderly smokers were scanned with either a spiral CT or a chest X-ray once a year for three years starting in August 2002. They were followed for five years.

The researchers waited until an independent panel could document a 20 percent reduction in cancer deaths, or could determine that there was no significant benefit.

As of last month, 354 people who got CTs had died of lung cancer, compared to 442 who got ordinary X-rays. This worked out to a 20.3 percent lower risk of dying for the spiral CT group, and researchers stopped the study.

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Caught early, lung cancer can be cured surgically, but it causes vague symptoms and usually is not diagnosed until it has spread. Only 15 percent of lung cancer patients live 5 years or more.

"No one should come away from this announcement believing that it is safe to continue to smoke," National Cancer Institute director Dr.

Harold Varmus told a news conference.

"This screening does not prevent lung cancer and it does not protect the large majority of subjects from death by lung cancer," Varmus said.

Dr. Bruce Johnson of the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, who is on the board of the American Society of Clinical Oncology, said he doubted most people would see the findings as a green light to smoke.

"The majority of lung cancer

diagnoses in the United States now are either in people who never smoked or in people who have quit," Johnson said. In 2006, Dr. Claudia Henschke of New York Presbyterian Hospital-Weill Cornell Medical Center caused a stir when she published a study saying that 80 percent of lung-cancer deaths could be prevented through widespread use of spiral CT.

Her ideas were controversial to start with and widely disregarded when other

researchers found her work had been paid for by a tobacco company.

Almost all advanced CT scanners can perform a spiral CT, and about 60 percent of U.S. hospitals have such a machine. Makers include General Electric Co's GE Healthcare Siemens AG, Toshiba Corp, Hitachi and Philips.

A fact sheet on spiral CT can be found at <http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/detection/spiral-ct-lung> □

Red meat linked to esophageal, stomach cancer risks

By Amy Norton

NEW YORK — Red-meat lovers may have a greater likelihood of developing certain cancers of the throat and stomach than people who limit their intake of steaks and hamburgers, a new study suggests.

Researchers found that among nearly 500,000 older U.S. adults followed for a decade, only a small number developed cancers of the esophagus or stomach. However, the risks were relatively greater among those who ate a lot of red meat, or certain compounds generated from cooking meat.

Overall, study participants in the top 20 percent for red-meat intake were 79 percent more likely than those in the bottom 20 percent to develop esophageal squamous cell carcinoma — a cancer that arises in the lining of the upper part of the esophagus.

Meanwhile, the risk of a type of cancer in the upper portion of the stomach near the esophagus (gastric cardia) was elevated among men and women with the highest estimated intake of one form of heterocyclic amine (HCA). HCAs are compounds that form when meat is cooked using high-temperature methods, such as grilling over an open flame; they have been found to cause cancer in lab animals.

The findings, reported in the American Journal of Gastroenterology, do not prove that red meat promotes the two cancers, the researchers emphasize.

But the results add to what has been an uncertain body of evidence on the link between red meat and esophageal and stomach cancers.

A 2007 research review by the World Cancer Research Fund and American Institute for Cancer Research, both non-profit groups, concluded that red and processed meats were associated with a "limited suggestive increased risk" of esophageal cancer.

The report also said there was a similar level of evidence for a link between processed meats and stomach cancer, and insufficient data on whether red meat intake is connected

to the cancer at all.

However, most of the studies considered in the report were so-called case-control studies, where researchers ask patients with a given disease about their past lifestyle habits and other health factors, then compare them to a group of healthy individuals.

That type of study design can offer only limited evidence about whether a particular exposure — like red meat in the diet — is related to a disease risk, explained Dr. Amanda J. Cross, a researcher at the U.S. National Cancer Institute who led the new study.

Studies with prospective designs, which follow initially healthy people over time, provide stronger evidence.

In addition, most earlier research did not look at meat intake and different subtypes of esophageal and stomach cancers. That is important, Cross told Reuters Health, because the different subtypes seem to have different risk factors.

So for their study, Cross and her colleagues prospectively followed 494,979 U.S. adults ages 50 to 71 over roughly 10 years. At the outset, participants completed detailed questionnaires on their diets — including the methods they typically used for cooking meat, and the usual level of "doneness" they preferred — as well as other lifestyle factors. Over the next decade, 215 study participants developed esophageal squamous cell carcinoma; that included 28 cases among the bottom 20 percent for red-meat intake, and 69 cases in the top 20 percent.

Another 454 men and women were diagnosed with gastric cardia cancer. There were 57 cases among participants with the lowest red-meat intake, and 113 in the group with the highest intake. When the researchers accounted for other factors — like age, weight, smoking and reported exercise habits — participants who ate the most red meat were 79 percent more likely than those with the lowest intake to develop squamous cell carcinoma of the esophagus. □

Scientists find damage to coral near BP well



This undated photo provided by the Lophelia II 2010 research group, shows coral, several miles from the site of the blown-out BP well in the Gulf of Mexico, apparently covered with brown material. For the first time, federal scientists say they have found damage to deep sea coral and other marine life from the Deepwater Horizon rig, but tests are needed to verify that the coral died from oil released in the disaster.

(AP Photo)

By CAIN BURDEAU,

Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — For the first time, federal scientists have found damage to deep sea coral and other marine life on the ocean floor several miles from the blown-out BP well — a strong indication that damage from the spill could be significantly greater than officials had previously acknowledged.

Tests are needed to verify that the coral died from oil that spewed into the Gulf of Mexico after the Deepwater Horizon rig explosion, but the chief scientist who led the government-funded expedition said Friday he was convinced it was related. "What we have at this point is the smoking gun," said Charles Fisher, a biologist with Penn State University who led the expedition aboard the Ronald Brown, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research vessel.

"There is an abundance of circumstantial data that suggests that what happened is related to the recent oil spill," Fisher said.

For the government, the findings were a departure from earlier statements. Until now, federal teams have painted relatively rosy pictures about the spill's effect on the sea and its ecosystem, saying they had not found any damage on the ocean floor.

In early August, a federal report said that nearly 70 percent of the 170 million gallons of oil that gushed from the well into the sea had dissolved naturally, or was burned, skimmed, dispersed or captured, with almost nothing left to see — at least on top of the water. The report was blasted by scientists.

Most of the Gulf's bottom is muddy, but coral colonies that pop up every once in a while are vital oases for marine life in the chilly ocean depths.

Coral is essential to the Gulf because it provides a habitat for fish and other organisms such as snails and crabs, making any large-scale death of coral a problem for many species. It might need years, or even decades, to grow back.

"It's cold on the bottom, and things don't grow as quickly," said Paul Montagna, a marine scientist at the Harte Research Institute for Gulf of Mexico Studies at Texas A&M University in Corpus Christi. He was not on the expedition.

Montagna said the affected area is so large, and scientists' ability to explore it with underwater robots so limited that "we'll never be able to see everything that happened down there."

Using a robot called Jason II, researchers found the dead coral in an area measuring up to 130 feet by 50 feet, about 4,600 feet under the surface.

"These kinds of coral are normally beautiful, brightly colored," Fisher said. "What you saw was a field of brown corals with

exposed skeleton — white, brittle stars tightly wound around the skeleton, not waving their arms like they usually do."

Fisher described the soft and hard coral they found seven miles southwest of the well as an underwater graveyard. He said oil probably passed over the coral and killed it.

The coral has "been dying for months," he said. "What we are looking at is a combination of dead gooey tissues and sediment. Gunk is a good word for what it is."

Eric Cordes, a Temple University marine scientist on the expedition, said his colleagues have identified about 25 other sites in the vicinity of the well where similar damage may have occurred. An expedition is planned for next month to explore those sites.

When coral is threatened, its first reaction is to release large amounts of mucus, "and anything drifting by in the water column would get bound up in this mucus," Cordes said. "And that is what this (brown) substance would be: A variety of things bound up in the mucus."

About 90 percent of the large coral was damaged, Fisher said. The expedition was funded by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The mission was part of a four-year study of the Gulf's depths, but it was expanded this year to look at oil spill damage.

In a statement released Thursday night, NOAA Administrator Jane Lubchenco said the expedition underscored that the damage to marine life from the oil spill is "not easily seen." □

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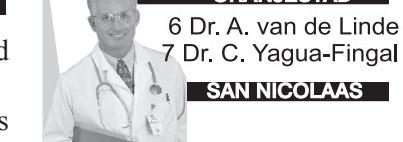
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Insect Scourge: Two New Species Invade U.S. Every Year



Illustrated is a picture of a mosquito. Mosquitoes are West Nile Virus carriers that become infected when they feed on infected birds. Infected mosquitoes can then spread West Nile Virus to humans and other animals when they bite. West Nile is a virus mainly transmitted to people through the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes transmit the virus after becoming infected by feeding on the blood of birds, of which carry the virus. Since 1999, West Nile Virus has been detected in humans, horses, birds, or mosquitoes in 47 states in the United States. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, as of 13 November 2003, the CDC has received confirmation from state agencies of 8219 human cases of West Nile Virus for the year, resulting in 182 deaths. Statistically, a person's risk of contracting West Nile is low. In most areas where the virus is established, only 1% of the area's mosquitoes carry the virus.

Rebecca Kessler

Less than an inch long with white spots on its back and antennae longer than its body, the Asian longhorn beetle would seem benign scuttling along the forest floor. But the plant-eating insect leaves behind a trail of woody carnage.

Every year, exotic insects like the Asian longhorn beetle and the emerald ash borer, aka the Green Menace, kill millions of trees across

the United States. And every year inspectors intercept a few new would-be invaders at the nation's ports of entry - but they can't stop every single one.

Now researchers are trying to get a step ahead of the insect influx by quantifying the rate of invasion and pinpointing Los Angeles and New York area ports as insect entry hot spots.

National number

Each year, about two exotic, forest-dwelling insect species take hold in the United States, according to a new paper published online Oct. 1 and to appear in a forthcoming print issue of the journal Biological Invasions by Frank Koch of North Carolina State University and four co-authors. To calculate that number, the team developed a computer model that incorporated historical data on foreign trade, insect invasions and interceptions at U.S. ports.

Not every one of those incoming insects is likely to wreak havoc on U.S. forests, but taking a cue from the ecological literature the team assumed that one in 10 are. "You would expect to see a significant forest insect species [become established here] approximately every five to six years," Koch said, and that's right in line with the historical record. "We've seen four major forest insect pests over the past 25 years." That rate may not seem especially high, but even a single species can be devastating. Take the emerald ash borer, a jewel-toned beetle native to Asia and Russia that was first identified in Michigan and Ontario in 2002. It has since spread to at least 15 U.S. states, including its latest conquest this summer - Tennessee. Feeding larvae

have girdled and killed tens of millions of ash trees, and damages could top \$20 billion, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Urban breakdown

To find out exactly where forest pests are likely to enter the United States, Koch's team examined data for more than 3,000 urban areas. Insects often arrive concealed in wood products or packing material, and the researchers accounted for the likelihood that various imported products harbor forest pests, their regions of origin, their points of entry into the country and their final destinations.

The team identified the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Santa Ana region as the top point of entry, estimating that a new insect invader becomes established there every four or five years. New York-Newark was second, with a new invader settling in every eight or nine years, then Houston with one every 13 to 15 years. Most other urban areas had much lower rates. Koch doesn't expect the flood of insects to slow down anytime soon, and hopes his results will help direct prevention resources where they can do the most good. West Coast ports have the biggest share of trade with Asia, which is predicted to boom, so Western authorities

should be increasingly vigilant for insect hitchhikers. East Coast ports have more commerce with Europe, and the researchers expect new establishments there to remain roughly stable.

Another consideration is whether a major tool for preventing insects from entering the country is sufficiently effective. In 2006, the United States adopted international standards known as ISPM15 (International Standards for Phytosanitary Measures Guidelines for Regulating Wood Packaging Material in International Trade). The standards require all imported wood products and packing material to be fumigated or heat-treated.

"There have been studies that have shown that compliant wood still can have live insects," Koch said. "The evidence is not there yet to show that these standards have made a big dent."

Just when or where the next devastating invader may strike, no one knows, but "the one that gives people the most shivers," according to Koch, is the Asian gypsy moth. Since 1991, several small populations have been spotted and quickly snuffed out in the Pacific Northwest and North Carolina. Unlike European gypsy moths, which have been munching away at East Coast forests for more than a century, female Asian gypsy moths can fly. If the species gains a foothold in the United States, managers fear the pests could spread quickly and far, leaving millions of acres of defoliated and dead trees behind. □

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Accidente de avión deja 68 muertos en Cuba

GUASIMAL, Cuba (Reuters) - Rescatistas cubanos hallaron el viernes la caja negra de un avión con 68 personas a bordo que se estrelló dejando en el cielo un rastro de humo y fuego, un importante paso para aclarar la tragedia aérea en la que murieron turistas de 10 países.

Todos los ocupantes del ATR-32 murieron cuando el avión de la aerolínea estatal cubana Aero Caribbean se precipitó el jueves en una zona rural del centro de Cuba.

"La caja negra y de voz de la nave accidentada (...) fueron encontradas, por lo que la investigación en curso dispondrá de elementos básicos para su labor", dijo la agencia estatal de noticias AIN.

Todos los cadáveres

quedaron calcinados, dijo AIN, citando al fiscal provincial Rolando Díaz. Una decena fueron trasladados a La Habana para su identificación.

Según el Instituto de Aeronáutica Civil, el avión envió una señal de emergencia y desapareció de los radares. Vecinos de Guasimal, un pueblo rural a 350 kilómetros al sudeste de La Habana, contaron que vieron caer la aeronave y estallar en una llamarada que iluminó el cielo.

"Iba como perdiendo fuerza, no tenía estabilidad. Trató de levantar vuelo y empezó a echar un humo blanco", dijo a Reuters la residente del lugar Mirelda Borroto. Kenia Díaz, otra vecina, dijo que el potente rugido del avión volando a baja altura sembró el



Socorristas trabajan en el lugar donde se estrelló el ATR-72 cerca de Guasimal en Cuba. Nov 4 2010.
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pánico en Guasimal. "Todo el mundo salió corriendo. Mi mamá gritaba '¡Llegó la guerra!', contó. El avión cayó en una zona de vegetación tan espesa que utilizar un buldózer para llegar hasta los restos. □

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